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Two winners shared yesterday's Times Portfolio competition prize - double the usual £2,000 because no-one won on Tuesday - Mr Thornton Gunn of Tunbridge Wells, Kent, and Mr Robert Bettley-Smith of Shenfield, Essex, each received £2,000. Portfolio list, page 20; how to play, information service, back page.
On Saturday, £22,000 can be won - £20,000 in the weekly competition and £2,000 in the daily.

Howe fails to win over Lagos

Sir Geoffrey Howe's two-day goodwill visit to Nigeria has improved the atmosphere between London and Lagos but there was no agreement on restoring full diplomatic relations. Suspensions about Britain's attitude to its former colony remain deep rooted.

Brawling fans

Six British football fans in Bern for the Ireland-Switzerland World Cup qualifying match were detained by Swiss police after a hotel brawl.

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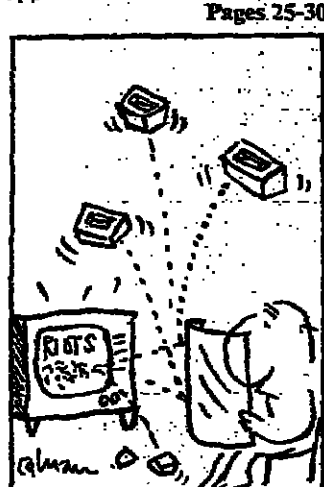
Laura Ashley, the designer, aged 60, was last night in a coma and on a life support system, at Walsgrove Hospital, Coventry, after falling down stairs on Sunday.

Honeyford case

Bradford City Council is to appeal against a ruling that it reinstate Mr Ray Honeyford, the headmaster suspended for remarks on multi-racial education.

Business lesson

Schools should take preparation for the business world far more seriously, says Robert Sale, senior general manager of Barclays Bank, in an introduction to today's six-page general appointments section.



Scottish choice

Alex Ferguson has taken over as acting manager of Scotland following the death of Jock Stein on Tuesday night.

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Citizenship offer to blacks in homelands

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government is willing to restore South African citizenship to an estimated 8 million blacks previously deprived of it under the tribal "homelands" system, President Botha said yesterday. But the President, speaking at a congress of the ruling National Party in the Orange Free State, failed to offer anything more than vague generalities on the question of political rights for blacks, thus diluting the impact of what was widely seen as an important deviation from classic apartheid.

President Botha's announcement came the day after the return here after a three-month absence of Mr Herman Nickel, the American Ambassador, with a letter from President Reagan which is said to urge his South African counterpart "to move from confrontation to negotiation".

President Botha told the congress he had not yet read the letter. He said he was ready to cooperate with black leaders but would not "talk with perpetrators of violence", nor could he entertain political recipes or formulas imported by the American or any other ambassador.

On his arrival in Johannesburg on Tuesday night, Mr Nickel, a political appointee who has been a staunch defender of the Reagan policy of "constructive engagement" with Pretoria, said, "We have got beyond the point where mere statements, or even statements of intent, are adequate."

"Things have to be seen to be happening. Negotiations have to be seen to be starting. Some of the key features of the apartheid system have to be seen to be abolished."

Meanwhile, Bishop Desmond Tutu, the black Anglican Bishop

of Johannesburg and winner of the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize, urged fellow blacks to observe a one-week, nationwide strike next month unless the Government met four conditions "within days".

The conditions were: That the state of emergency in parts of the country be lifted; that the Army leave black townships; that political prisoners be charged or released; and that the Government agree to talks with authentic black leaders.

The bishop, speaking to 400 churchmen of various denominations at a conference in Natal, said the time for "vague and generalised appeals" was past. He would be talking to trade union leaders in the next few days to discuss the logistics of the strike.

Businesses in the Cape Town area yesterday reported employee absenteeism between 40 and 100 per cent as blacks responded to a call by a group of nine local trade unions to stay away from work in protest.

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MEPs in disarray over sanctions

The European Parliament adjourned in disarray last night after an attempt to impose sanctions was defeated as was another resolution against sanctions (Jonathan Brande writes from Strasbourg).

MEPs from the right and left combined to defeat a compromise proposal calling for the measures suggested by the foreign ministers in Luxembourg on Tuesday, and then blocked by Britain, to be adopted.

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From Christopher Thomas, Washington

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Mrs Winnie Mandela with her daughters Zenani and Zindzi at D. F. Malan airport in Cape Town yesterday on their way to visit Nelson Mandela in Pollsmoor Prison.

Owen anticipates vital parliamentary role after election

From Philip Webster, Political Reporter, Torquay

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News pictures are key clues for riot police

From Colin Hughes, Handsworth, Birmingham

More than 100 detectives from all over the West Midlands moved into the Handsworth riot area yesterday to open a double murder, looting and arson inquiry, assisted by the latest technology and a file of news and television pictures.

Mr Tom Messen, West Midlands assistant chief constable for crime, said he was "extremely optimistic" of making further arrests, in spite of an "element of reluctance" to help among the West Indian community of Lozells.

He admitted that routine house-to-house inquiries would be difficult in the aftermath of two nights of rioting, but added that the "vast majority are not unwilling to help".

At the top of the detectives' list is tracing youths who murdered two Asian brothers by setting fire to the post office at the heart of the Lozells Road riot zone on Monday night.

Mr Kassamalia Mollineda, aged 38, the sub postmaster and his brother Amir, aged 44, died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

The pathologist, Dr Peter Acland, found no obvious signs of physical injury to the bodies, casting doubt on reports that the two men were beaten before being left to die in the flames.

An inquest is expected to open today. It was at first thought that another two Asians were missing, but the police say that they have now accounted for all people known to be in the area.

A hotline was set up at the investigation headquarters at Nechells police station, yesterday. Mr Messen said: "If anyone wants to see a detective secretly, we shall comply with any request".

Hundreds of news photographs and reels of television

film have been copied by police, many of them showing clear images of easily identifiable rioters.

One picture which was used in most national newspapers depicts a rioter preparing and then hurling a petrol bomb. Police nicknamed him "the milkman" because the bomb was made out of a milk bottle.

When the picture was shown to Lozells residents yesterday they merely grinned and turned away, and police held out little hope of tracing him through inquiries in Handsworth itself. They suspect he has gone into hiding.

Although newspapers and broadcasting stations are not offering pictures to the police, the simplicity of identification from those published led many rioters on Tuesday to turn on photographers and cameramen. There were many reports of journalists being mugged and films stolen, or of television crews being assaulted and their equipment smashed up or stolen.

The youths involved in Tuesday's disturbances made sure their faces were covered when cameras were near.

Two computers have been installed at Nechells. One Apple computer will organize manpower, including 36 regional crime squad detectives, and a larger Auto Index computer will collate witness accounts and evidence. Fire and police investigators will continue sifting the rubble of Lozells Road for several days behind a cordon.

Mr Messen says: "We are building up a better picture all the time."

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Hurd blames crime not social disorder

By Richard Evans, Lobby Reporter

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, will discuss with Cabinet colleagues this morning the best way to investigate the Handsworth riot but almost certainly caution against a full-blooded Scarman-style inquiry.

With leaders of the Social Democratic Party, Labour, and Liberal parties stepping up their demand for an unrestricted public and judicial inquiry, Mr Hurd went out of his way yesterday to emphasize the criminal aspect of the troubles and indicated a thorough judicial investigation would serve little purpose.

"All this ground has been ploughed over quite a lot and I am not sure there is a lot of good soil to be turned up," he said.

"The people of Birmingham and Handsworth need to have clearer account of what hap-

pened, which of the stories going around have some substance and which are nonsense. We need a clear factual account and I am considering how that is best organized."

Apart from facts that emerged from any forthcoming criminal prosecutions and inquiries into those killed during the arson and looting, Mr Hurd is likely to rely to a large degree on reports through the police network. Last night 10 Downing Street highlighted the decision of the West Midlands police authority to seek a full report on the incident from Mr Geoffrey Dear, the area's chief constable.

Mr Hurd insisted his two main priorities were to ensure that order was fully restored in the trouble-afflicted part of Birmingham and make sure

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Inquest told woman on slimming diet lost 5 stones in five months

A pathologist gave a warning yesterday that people wanting to lose weight dramatically should seek medical supervision after hearing at an inquest that a mother-of-two had reduced her calorie intake "to near starvation level" on a slimming diet.

Mr Robert Davies, the coroner, recorded a verdict of death by misadventure on Mrs Lesley Eaton, aged 29, of Elizabeth Avenue, Droitwich, Worcester, who died in her sleep of heart failure last May after losing 5st 4oz, almost a third of her body weight, in five months.

"I am satisfied that the diet has, in fact, caused her death," Mr Davies told the inquest yesterday after hearing evidence from Dr Geoffrey Smith, consultant pathologist at Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Dr Smith told the inquest that Mrs Eaton had lost too much weight too quickly for someone of her build. She was 5ft 11in and slimmed from 17st 7lb to 12st 3oz.

"It is my opinion that someone as tall and as well-built as she must have reduced her calorie intake to near starvation level to lose that much weight in such a short time," he said.

The evidence showed that Mrs Eaton, "an essentially healthy woman", suffered heart

failure. "In my opinion death was due to cardiac failure, due to malignant cardiac arrhythmias due to inappropriate diet," Dr Smith told the inquest.

Mrs Eaton's husband Michael, aged 45, said his wife had been following a slimming diet and had seemed to be in good health. But he found his wife dead "in bed after the children complained that 'mummy wasn't very well'".

Mrs Eaton started dieting in January and frequently won competitions at her local slimming club. She never complained of feeling ill, her husband told the inquest.

After the hearing Dr Smith said: "If people are going to diet drastically there should be some supervision. Sometimes people overdo it."

Dr Denis Craddock, author of the British Medical Association's *Slimming's Guide*, said the greatest danger with crash diets resulted from an insufficient intake of protein.

"If the body does not get enough protein it will start to break down body tissue and muscle. In very rare cases the body will attack the muscle tissue in the heart. This is what seems to have happened in the case of Lesley Eaton," he said.

A typical daily diet showed that Mrs Eaton had taken in

between 30 and 35 grammes of protein, Dr Craddock said, "the minimum recommended level is 50 grammes". He said death from slimming was now very rare in Britain after the scares of eight years ago when about 50 people died in the United States on crash diets.

● Mrs Eaton's diet was inadvisable on two accounts: she lost weight too quickly, a loss of 2lb per week should be the limit for people dieting without close medical supervision, and she continued with a crash diet which was nutritionally inadequate for too long (Our Medical Correspondent writes).

A diet as stringent as this should not be followed for more than three weeks at a time unless under a doctor's orders, and the doctor is in a position to carry out regular blood checks. Mrs Eaton's diet was deficient in protein, carbohydrates, most of the essential vitamins and minerals.

An inadequate diet gives rise to deficiencies in potassium, magnesium and selenium, any of which can result in an irregular heart liable to develop a possibly fatal arrhythmia; for the pumping action of the heart to maintain life the chamber should beat in an organized efficient sequence, if this regular rhythm is lost failure may occur.

Air disaster claims may go to US courts

A partnership of two firms of solicitors is likely to lead punitive claims for damages after the Manchester air disaster in which 55 people died. Mr Roger Pannone, a Manchester-based solicitor, said yesterday that his consortium with Mr Michael Napier, a Yorkshire solicitor and Mr Daniel Cathcart, a Los Angeles attorney, would aim to take action through the Californian courts. All three are experts in litigation for families bereaved through such disasters.

Mr Pannone said that the ceiling of damages awards was much higher in California than in Britain and also that proof of defect of the aircraft's engines and fabric would be sufficient for the American courts to award damages.

The British courts, which have tended to award lower compensation in similar cases, would also need proof of blame, Mr Pannone said.

"We have had a meeting with the 26 solicitors representing more than 60 of the victims or their relatives and a decision will be made very soon on the action to be taken," he added.

Mr Pannone said he understood that the services of another American lawyer, Mr Arthur Daley, based in Philadelphia, who also specializes in representing victims of air crashes, might not be required.

Mr Daley's representative, Mr James Pearce, an investigator, caused controversy when he arrived on the doorstep of relatives two days after the disaster on August 22. The compensation sought will be against the makers of the crashed Boeing 737 and the manufacturers of the engine, Pratt and Whitney.

Mr Cathcart, who was described as one of the world's leading experts in this type of litigation, was still in Britain yesterday but was unavailable for comment. He was invited to Manchester by Mr Pannone because of his expertise.



Princess visits fair

The Princess of Wales at Britain's top international antiques fair at Burlington House in London yesterday. With the Prince and Princess showed special interest in a 1750 harpsichord with a double set of keys. The wife of the gallery's owner, Mrs Linda Nicholson, played them a tune.

Council will appeal over reinstatement of headmaster

From Peter Davenport, Bradford

Bradford City Council is to appeal against the High Court decision that it should reinstate the suspended headmaster Mr Ray Honeyford.

He is to return to his post on Monday pending the outcome of the case.

Mr Honeyford has been suspended for six months over remarks he made in articles he wrote criticising the multi-racial educational policies in the city. The controversy angered parents, politicians and educationalists in Bradford and the headmaster faces an uncertain reception when he returns on Monday. Some parents have threatened to remove their children from Drummond middle school if Mr Honeyford returns.

After the decision to appeal against the High Court judgement was announced yesterday, councillors expressed their worries for Mr Honeyford's personal safety and the possibility of demonstrations by extremist groups.

Yesterday Mr Richard Knight, Bradford's director of educational services, said he believed a return to normal was

possible if all parties redoubled their efforts for success.

He said the decision to appeal was taken after detailed legal advice from counsel, who said that the authority had good grounds.

"Important points of law and the whole relationship between local authorities, school governors and teachers have been put in doubt by the judgement. Because it affects many other education authorities the appeal is of national significance and we should be failing in our duties if we did not pursue it."

He added that the appeal concerns only the council's role as an employer and not the question of what Mr Honeyford may or may not have done.

The council chose to lift the suspension because of the "urgent need for reconciliation."

Lifting the suspension gives all concerned a chance to do this and provides Mr Honeyford with the opportunity of restoring the school as near to normality as possible while the legal machinery in the Court of Appeal takes its natural course," Mr Knight said.

Trial for £140m social security computer link

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

A trial computer system, which is the forerunner of a £140 million network will within three years test the feasibility of putting electronic terminals in social security offices, Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Social Services said yesterday.

ICL, the flagship of the British computer industry, has been invited to submit its plans for the prototype. Mr Fowler said: "We now have the opportunity to transform the cumbersome manual system we have employed for so many years in this country."

"When completed, the project through a huge network of 19,000 terminals in our 500 local offices, will provide staff with immediate access to claimant records. They will be able to work out entitlement rapidly and accurately, and will also arrange for automatic payments of benefit. This will greatly improve the service to the public while providing a better, more modern environment for the staff."

The computers controlling the system when fully installed will cost about £30 million.

London voted best business city

By Tony Samstag

London has been voted the best business city and conference centre in the world for the second year running, *Business Traveller* magazine said yesterday.

More than 1,000 readers, who are predominantly British, male and managerial, responded to the survey which increased London's lead over other cities established in 1984.

"Business facilities, atmosphere, safety and friendliness, language and cuisine were considered the important factors," the magazine said.

Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre was the second favourite venue for conferences, although Singapore replacing New York, was the second most popular all-round business city. Singapore was also second choice for the world's best

airline. Swissair came first with 23 per cent of the votes, and British Airways, although the most widely used, was third.

British Caledonian's "Caledonian girls" were singled out for praise: The airline came fifth.

The best business cities were: 1. London; 2. Singapore; 3. New York; 4. Hong Kong; 5. Paris; 6. San Francisco; 7. Zurich; 8. Tokyo; 9. Geneva; 10. Sydney.

Cuts in design costs may endanger roads

By Michael Bailey, Transport Editor

Roads and bridges could collapse as a result of Government attempts to cut down on design and construction costs, the Department of Transport has been warned.

Of 51 road schemes announced by the department yesterday, nearly half will, for the first time, be put out to tender among design consultants, or given to contractors to design and build.

Both methods, introduced as part of a search for economies by Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Transport, threaten the quality and independence of consultants, and the long-term economy of the roads, the department has been told.

Mr Gwilym Roberts, a senior consulting engineer and vice-president of the Institution of Civil Engineers said yesterday: "We have told the department that they might save 1 per cent on the design costs, but pay more for the road in the long run."

General Peter Pellereau, of

the Association of Consulting Engineers said: "The clutter of system buildings collapsing, expensively about their ears should be a warning that it is better to have quality design to start with."

Britain's 600 consulting engineers, employing 30,000 and earning £900 million a year, mostly abroad, regard themselves as an elite whose independence is threatened by Mr Ridley's proposals.

Lik architects, they normally take a set fee, typically 5-10 per cent of the cost of the work, and stand between the client and the contractor.

Under competitive bidding they fear attempts to cut fees and cut corners on design. They feel they could become subservient to contractors rather than their arbiters.

The Department of Transport said: "The Secretary of State believes that design and build will save taxpayers' money by cutting out duplication of effort."

Midlands beer is cheapest

The Midlands is the cheapest place in Britain to drink beer, while Londoners have to pay almost 25 per cent more for their pint, according to a survey published yesterday.

A pint of lager costs on average 79p in the Midlands, compared with £1.01 in London, 97p in the South-east, 87.5p in the South-west, 83p in Wales, 82p in the North-west, 80p in Scotland and 79.5p in the North-east.

In London, average price for a pint of real ale is 91p but only 67.5p in the Midlands.

"This is just one example of the chaotic inequalities of the present pub prices scene," *Caterer and Hotelkeeper*, which conducted the survey, said.

Prices have risen most in London, the South-east, South-west and Wales, by an overall average of 6.5p a pint.

They rose least in the North-east, by only 4.5p and by about 5p in the Midlands and North-west.

London is by far the most expensive region, and the Midlands the cheapest. Londoners pay almost a quarter more on average for every pint than Midlandsers.

Driving ban on former race champion

Alan Jones, aged 38, a former world motor racing champion was banned from driving for a year yesterday. He admitted driving with twice the legal limit of alcohol on his blood when he appeared before Lavender Hill magistrates, south-west London.

The Court was told that Jones, an Australian, had flown into Heathrow for a business meeting on the day of his cricketing countrymen's triumph at the Lord's Test on June 2 and was celebrating with friends. Mr Clive Watkinson, a car salesman of Hampstead, north-west London, told the hearing that he spiked their jug of orange juice, which Jones ordered, with vodka.

Star at funeral of daughter found in river

Holding a single red rose, Shirley Bassey, the singer, yesterday attended the funeral of her youngest daughter, Samantha Novak, at Westbury on Trym, near Bristol. She arrived at the chapel of rest shortly before the start of a private family service.

Miss Novak's body was recovered from the river Avon on Saturday. She had been missing from her flat in Bristol for about 10 days. Police are investigating her death, but have said they believe there are no suspicious circumstances. They have appealed for anyone who may have seen the girl in the days before her body was recovered to come forward.

An inquest which opened and adjourned for a month on Monday in Bristol was told that her death was due to the shock of hitting cold water.

Old comrades taste Kaiser's vintage

By Alan Hamilton

To quell Monmouth's rebellion. They are old men now, none under 80, and several still cruising comfortably at well over 90. "I don't remember much about it now," Mr Ernest Fields, a sprightly 93, said, "except that it was bloody awful—a massacre."

They were mere boys then, who volunteered in response to Kitchener's pointing finger, and ignorant of the wholesale carnage of the trenches. On their lunch tables yesterday were some reminders of the few comforts of front-line life: packets of Woodbine, bars of Cadbury's chocolate, and a tin of Princess Mary's trench comforts, containing tobacco and cigarettes.

In 1685 the fusiliers were an elite force, equipped with the latest weapons. They won battle honours in the Peninsular War, and their Lieutenant Maurice Dease won the first

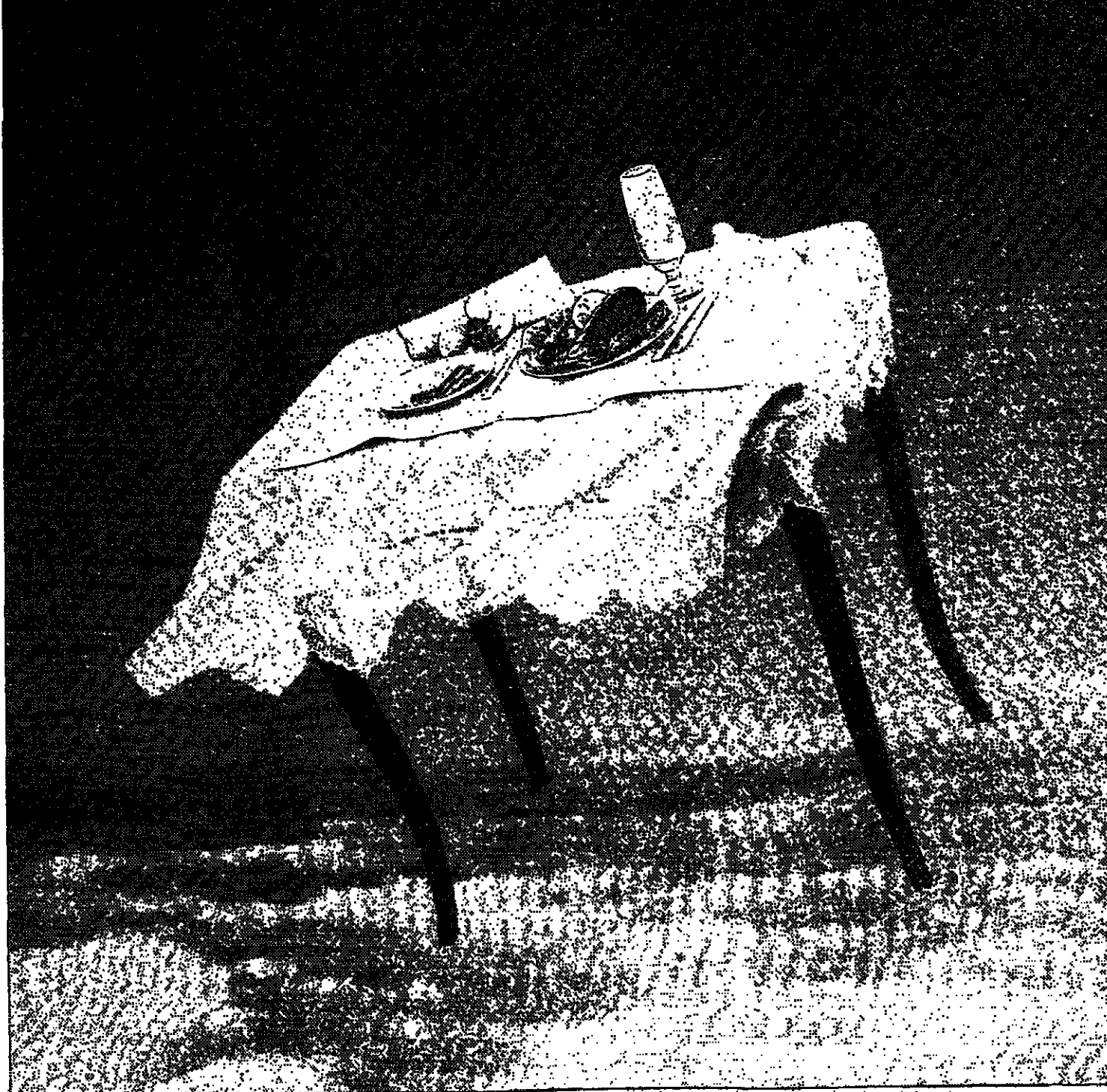
VC of the Great War, at Mons. That conflict cost the fusiliers 22,000 lives; 1 in 11 of their strength. Today they have a battalion in south Armagh, one at Caterick, and one about to depart for Cyprus.

Defence cuts have forced amalgamations with other regiments of fusiliers — the Warwickshires, Northumberlands and Lancashires but, according to the regiment's present Colonel, Major-General David Woodford, yesterday, "we retain a strong identity, because we all had a common history."

Yesterday the veterans raised their precious toast to the lines of Alan Seeger, America's Rupert Brooke:

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SDP/TORQUAY Leader's closing speech • Strategy for high technology • Top salaries • Miners' strike

Commentary

Geoffrey Smith

This has been the best conference that the Social Democrats have had. It was larger than before. The standard of speaking was generally higher. The debates were well attended. The ration of coffee-drinking to listening must be lower at the SDP than at any of the other party conferences.

The conference displayed as much unity as it is reasonable to expect of a political party. More than before, the Social Democrats seem to have accepted their partnership with the Liberals, the references to the Alliance were more frequent and more favourable. Not the least of the SDP's assets is that Dr Owen confirmed his position as a strong leader whose authority is unquestioned.

Whether his speech ended the conference on an appropriately high note is matter on which there are divided judgments. The sheer force of Dr Owen's personality always comes through, especially on the big occasions. He had a number of sensible things to say, and it may have been deliberately low-key. Dr Owen has so often been accused of conducting a one-man band that he may have judged it wiser not to attempt a bravura performance.

I suspect that it may have sounded better on television, particularly in excerpts, than it did to me in the hall. Delivered with the barest of notes, it seemed to be rather loosely constructed, and less elegant than some of the other speeches over the past few days. The few attempts at purple passages were the least successful parts.

Owen's weakness is in words

There is here a political point of broader significance. Mr Steel's weakness as a politician lies in the substance of policy. His expertise is in tactics and presentation. Dr Owen's weakness is in words. With his scientific training, they do not come so easily to him as to many other politicians of lesser stature.

This is more than a technical deficiency. He does not have a sensitive ear. Indeed, he is not really a sensitive politician. That is his greatest weakness, but it is also one of his greatest strengths.

It means that he is unlikely to be remembered for the style and wit of his oratory. But it also means that he does not suffer from the embarrassment that inhibits many other politicians. He is not daunted by obstacles that would deter them. The greatest problem for a new party is to be taken seriously, and its most precious asset is a leader who takes himself seriously.

Under his leadership, the SDP has become a party that takes itself more seriously. It is more political. This may not please all of those who were attracted to it by the appeal of what was known as the new politics. But there are limitations to what can be achieved by an anti-political political party.

It is all very well to scorn the baser forms of the politicians' art, but it is another matter to disregard the basic techniques. We would not readily put our trust in an politician who adopted such an approach to his trade.

I believe that it is wholly good that the SDP has become more political. But it has not become earthy. It remains predominantly middle-class, with a rather fastidiously earnest approach. It still lacks that dash of vulgarity that is so helpful in politics.

Defence differences papered over

There are aspects of policy on which, not surprisingly, more work needs to be done. The difference with the Liberals over defence have been papered over, rather than eliminated. More explanation is required on another occasion to make the SDP's reliance on incomes policy seem convincing.

It is not enough to say that the party's economic strategy requires a credible incomes policy. If it cannot get one, then the strategy will need to be changed. To do otherwise, would be to set up a superstructure on a foundation of wishful thinking.

But enough has been done at Torquay this week to provide a good opportunity for the Liberals at Dundee next week. If they can give an equal impression of good sense, then the Alliance should emerge stronger from this party conference season.

Partners 'have role in new political climate'

The voters liked the partnership between the Social Democratic Party and the Liberals, they like to see two parties working together. Dr David Owen, leader of the SDP, said in his closing speech to the annual conference in Torquay yesterday, for which he received a standing ovation.

"We must treat them straight level with them," he declared. "The majority of the people believe that no one party is going to hold a majority at the next election and that kills stone dead the Labour and Tory propaganda that a vote for us is a wasted vote."

The next scare the other parties would run was that a balanced Parliament was a hung Parliament, an indecisive Parliament, an illegitimate Parliament. The sharing out of the spoils between the other parties had all changed.

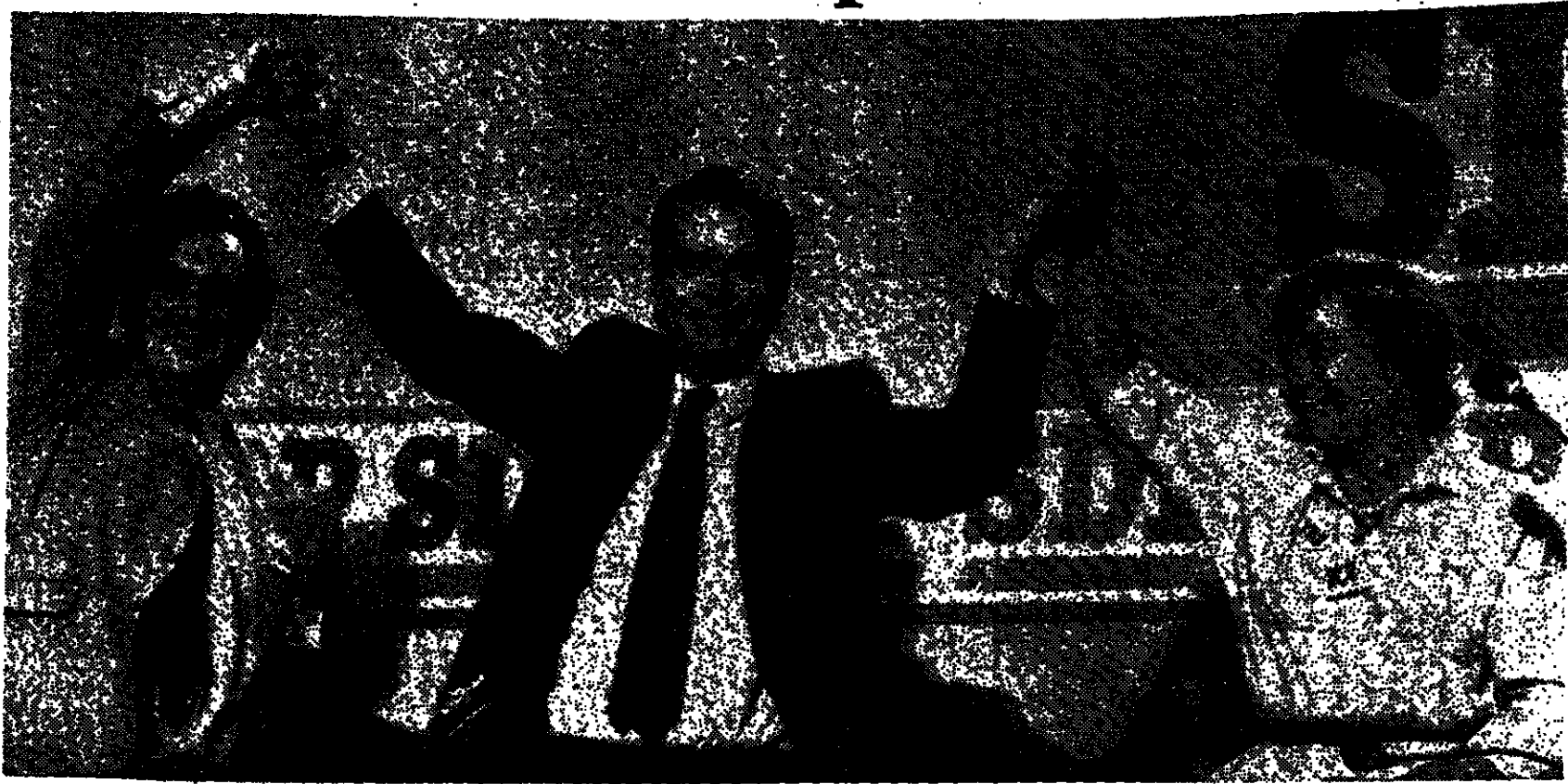
"If we do not win power outright, as we all hope we will, we are ready, willing and committed to forge a new government on the basis of a negotiated programme. It is not letting in the Tories or letting in Labour. It will be a totally new programme, a new government. We will filter out the extremists, the nonsense, the cant, the humbug and the ideology. If they will not negotiate with us we will vote them down," he said.

At all stages they would act within the constitution, and the legitimacy of the country and would talk first, if they did not have the largest number of votes in a balance situation, to the party with the most votes.

"If they do not want to talk to us we will talk to the other party," he said. "And they will have some explaining to do to the electorate."

They seem to believe that if they have a majority of MPs they have the automatic right to be prime minister. Nonsense. It is the Queen who decides that. It is entirely her prerogative. It does not have to follow. It is perfectly possible for her to determine she should only create a prime minister if he has been able to convince her that they have a majority in the House of Commons.

"We are living in different politics, we are living in a new world in which people are determined to play a different part - an open democracy, a democracy that respects the rights of individuals, a democracy which also wants the community spirit, a democracy which believes in individual rights and human rights and individual justice but also sees



Trio in accord: Mr William Rodgers, Dr David Owen and Mrs Shirley Williams at Torquay yesterday (Photograph: Harry Kerr).

Reports by Robert Morgan, Derek Barnett and Amanda Haigh

merit from time to time in collective action, in the cohesion that comes from compromise, and there is nothing wrong with that."

That was what happened in the Alliance - they had to share. The SDP should create a climate which started to end the divisions and the bitternesses and the disillusionment that had been seen in Birmingham, a sense of having no longer anything to contribute to society because people could not work and had not much money to enjoy things and felt left out.

"Let us count them in," Dr Owen said. "Let us given them a say and let us ask the people to have the guts to join us, to

want to support us. We will earn those votes together with our Liberal partners. At the next election we will start to change the face of British politics."

Dr Owen said the case that the Alliance was putting to combat unemployment had strengthened the case that there was an alternative and that they would not tolerate the present levels.

When the country woke up the previous day to the appalling events in Birmingham, many must have been impressed to see this party discussing the deep causes, the underlying roots of so much of the tragedy, horror and violence seen on television screens.

The people must have been convinced, more importantly, that the black people themselves who felt discriminated against, must have felt the SDP did care and that racial justice was something that they would ensure was truly fulfilled.

The Scarman Report had concluded that there was not in Britain institutionalized racism. That conclusion was too comfortable. No one could see the discriminatory statistics in housing, in jobs, in the standard

of living, and in opportunities without those of us who had shared in the decision making of those institutions accepting a big responsibility.

People are interested in how the SDP was discussing the problems of crime, violence, and vandalism, the support for the police, but with an absolute insistence that policing must be on the basis of consent.

The party had developed a defence policy of which the chiefs of staff could be proud. It was supported by those who knew there must be disarmament, arms control and a genuine search for détente between East and West.

The policy was sound and strong in defending the nation's security. The party could hold within its midst a diversity of opinion. It would be a shallow party if everyone had to agree.

He added: "Do not let us become obsessed with the Conservative Party and Labour Party, least of all with their leaders."

"I am told, and there is a little justice in this criticism, that I suffer fools badly. The problem is that she shuffles fools gladly. The problem with

the Labour Party leader is that he soft-shoes shuffles foolishly."

Britain's relative decline in the standard of living was deep. It would take more than one government, probably more than two to correct it. "Some people say I am a bit too tough and determined, but this country cannot go on escaping that reality."

He was worried about nuclear weapons and how to get agreement between the United States and Russia. Despite the much-vaunted personal friendship between the leaders of the United States and this country, the way the Prime Minister had

never had the scope for influence been greater in the arguments on achieving a comprehensive test ban.

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CONFERENCE NOTEBOOK

Dr Dare and the Caring 1 Torquay yesterday no long hoping and dreaming, believing that Things Different. After three years playing to small audiences, amateurish performances a fourth concert has seen the emergence of professionalism of good organization, fine tuned amplifiers, and growing repertoire of in proved lyrics and well sung songs.

They might not make Top of the Pops immediately, and that they fully realize, while at the same time proudly proclaiming that within two years they intend to be up there changing the sound of British political music.

Dr Dare, born David Owen, has firmly boosted his chances by frequently appearing as part of a double bill with The Steel Band, itself around some time playing on the fringes of the big time and now making a concerted effort to reach the hit parade.

The two, after much speculation about who tops the bill, have agreed to share it, an unusual step which has caused anxiety within the powerful booking agents, the Press, and may cause confusion among the public.

Dr Dare and the Caring got their name in three stages. David Owen has long been known as the doctor (he practised medicine for six years). The "Dare" was added because he challenged the two-pronged Power Group which has dominated British political music.

"And the Caring" came about because Dr Dare claims his singers are not just in it for the money, nor solely to pursue the powerful elixir of fame, with its attendant invitations to the palaces of Westminster and Buckingham, but because they care for the country about which they sing.

While the group may be new, not all their songs are, some containing old echoes and familiar refrains, which is thought wise to catch the attention of existing audiences while building up new.

This is particularly noticeable in their song about America and nuclear weapons. "Don't Dump the Yanks", designed to make old audiences feel secure and to guarantee them a chance in the Washington charts.

But there are others in an entirely new vein, noticeably those with an economic and social theme, and especially a little number called "Taxing Inflation" which needs several more performances and will benefit from repetition before people go around humming its off-beat tune.

The new group appreciates that, and intends to be patient and persistent. It is part of their style. Flashing lights, gaudy harmony within the group, and with the double act, and ultimately, they hope, that will lead to a new mood within the country.

The audience behaved beautifully, a feature of these concerts, and poured out happily into the sunshine waving to stop strangers and tell them that Things are Different and that Dr Dare and the Caring are a new force in the land.

Linda Christmas

Regret at TUC repayment vote on miners' fines

The conference carried overwhelmingly an emergency motion regretting the TUC conference last week for the reimbursement of fines and penalties imposed on the National Union of Mineworkers for flouting the law during the miners' strike.

The motion called on rank and file trade unionists to dissociate themselves from the TUC decision. It was against support for relief from sequestration or surcharge for those who broke the law.

Mr Mike Thomas, chairman of the organization committee



Mr Thomas: not anti-union.

and a member of the national committee, hoped Mr Arthur Scargill's move would be defeated at the Labour Party conference. The motion was not anti-union but he wanted to clean up the abuse of power among some union leaderships.

MPs call for campaign against television licence dodgers

By Richard Evans

Lobby Reporter

A crackdown on television licence dodgers, now totalling more than 1.5 million and costing about £80 million a year in lost revenue, was demanded yesterday by the public accounts committee, the Commons public spending watchdog.

The offensive against licence cheats should be supported by tougher penalties because the small fines often imposed by courts are not acting as a deterrent, the MPs say.

With the number of defaulters officially expected to reach two million by 1989, with a subsequent loss of £100 million a year, the committee suggests re-establishing a target of a decade ago - to restrict evasion to a hard core of about half a million licence dodgers.

"Once achieved, it should be further reduced, since everyone who does not pay his licence

TV LICENCE EVADERS			
Year	Evaders (millions)	% of total licences	Revenue lost (£)
1976	1.0	3.4	£20m
1984	1.5	5.4	£80m
1989 (estimated)	2.0	7.4	£100m

cheats those who do," the committee adds.

The MPs say: "We are concerned over the large sums of revenue being lost at present and the prospect that these could significantly increase in the next few years."

"We urge vigorous action by the Home Office to identify and implement improved controls and procedures designed to make an impact on present and prospective losses of licence revenue."

The Home Office, responsible for overall control of licence revenue, is reviewing the arrangements, dating back to

1969, whereby the Post Office is responsible for seeking out licence defaulters.

The committee welcomes the review, but criticizes the Home Office for its "lack of urgency in dealing with a situation which has been overdue for review for many years, and where significant sums are at risk."

"We consider that the Home Office have displayed too passive an attitude in an area where they bear the primary responsibility and where it is up to them as principal to ensure the efficiency and effectiveness of the work of their agent."

The MPs examined fines imposed against licence defaulters, and have asked the Home Office to tell the courts they are too low.

In 1983 a third of the fines against those caught without colour television licences were below the cost of the £46 fee, and the average fine was £53.

BBC emphasizes merits of licence fee

By David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

Any new form of funding for the BBC would have to improve on the advantages of the licence fee, which for 60 years had enabled the corporation to achieve a remarkable range and depth of programming, the BBC says in the first part of its evidence to the Peacock committee on the funding of broadcasting.

The committee's deadline for evidence passed at the end of last month, but the BBC intends to deliver before Christmas an additional submission based on studies of advertising, sponsorship and subscription techniques.

Yesterday's evidence said that the licence fee had proved flexible and durable and had

enabled the BBC to develop and maintain broadcasting services which have a high international reputation, at the same time underpinning the organization's editorial independence.

"The range and depth of BBC programming as developed over the past 60 years, reflects a determination of earlier generations of broadcasters to carry out their public trust with imagination and understanding. That resolve remains undiminished."

The public displays in general a high level of satisfaction with BBC programming both in radio and in television, the submission says. The BBC accounts for about three-

quarters of all radio listening and about nine-twentieths of all television viewing.

"Contrary to what the papers say, the BBC does not seek in its television programming to beat, or dominate, in crude numerical terms its rivals in ITV and Channel Four. We believe we broadcast a wider, and more testing array of programmes, and therefore expect in most weeks of the year to lose what is popularly called the rating war."

The corporation reiterates its objection to advertising which it says would threaten the range and quality of programmes by introducing competition for income with ITV.

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Britain must end skills crisis

Britain stood in real danger of becoming one of the poorest nations, and bad management was a leading cause in its failure to exploit its talents, Mr Parry Mitchell, from Salisbury, warned when moving the endorsement of the policy committee's strategy for high technology.

The conference overwhelmingly endorsed the policy document calling for an immediate five-year intensive programme in schools, colleges and industry to end the skills crisis in engineering and electronics and to improve mathematics, science and vocational skills and for a raising of the status of the engineer.

The motion condemned the Government for contributing to a severe skills shortage in crucial areas of industry and failing to provide adequate support for science, technology and innovation in industry.

It also called for a new technology enterprise corporation, tax relief for companies investing in small high-tech companies, low-cost loans for high technology investments, more funding for research and development, and the establishment of a royal society for innovation.

An amendment requiring the policy committee to consider fiscal incentives to encourage companies to buy high technology products of EEC manufacture, and the means whereby any community content could be registered, was carried.

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The couple, from England, said after the auction, in London, that they had visited the islands and hoped eventually to live there. But they were anxious to remain anonymous and instructed the auctioneers, Harman Healy & Co, not to disclose their identity.

Apart from the sheep they will be sharing the island with a wide variety of wildlife.

Saudi princess interprets in theft case

A Saudi Arabian princess stepped into the dock of Marlborough Street Magistrates' Court, in London, yesterday to interpret for a member of her entourage and two fellow Saudis who were found guilty of theft.

Jahid, volunteered to help as no official interpreter was available.

She heard that the three men had brought "deep shame" on the Saudi royal family.

Muataz, Tausin, Mobarak, aged 26, a footballer for the Riyadh team and Amin al-Harthi, aged 22, a child minder, both staying at the princess's home in St John's Wood, north London, and Abdul-Aziz Falati, aged 25, also of St John's Wood, were fined £250 each.

They admitted stealing from a woman's shoulder bag in Hamley's toy shop in Regent Street.

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Man swallowed cyanide after death of fiancée

A Sheffield man swallowed a deadly solution of cyanide three weeks after his fiancée was killed in a car crash while he was driving, an inquest was told.

Andrew Hodgson, aged 23, a self-employed cutter, of cricket Inn Crescent, Wyborn, and Jackie Crossland, aged 24, of Park Hill, Sheffield, South Yorkshire, had planned to marry in November. Miss Crossland died when Mr Hodgson killed himself.

The coroner, Mr Herbert Pilling, said that although no note was found he could not escape the conclusions that Mr Hodgson intended to kill himself. He recorded a verdict that Mr Hodgson killed himself.

The five summonses against West Ham Football Club alleging breach of ground safety regulations were adjourned.

West Ham and the Greater London Council, which is bringing the prosecution, agreed to let magistrates put the case over until December 7.

The five summonses concerning West Ham's Upton Park ground, allege that: there were no stewards at the gates; stewards were not wearing proper identifying coats and were not aware of evacuation procedures.

Salary awards for top people condemned

Mrs Margaret Thatcher's intellectual hero was Arthur Daley of television's *Minder*, Mr Roger Fox, Ealing, told an emergency debate which condemned as hypocritical the Government's acceptance of recommended pay increases for leading civil servants, judges and high-ranking Armed Forces officers.

Mr Fox said Daley tried to get away with things but, when caught, "lied through his teeth" as had Mrs Thatcher over the award.

The DPP refused to prosecute Mr Austin.

Mrs Williams said yesterday she had spent £16,000 and sought legal and medical help to gather the evidence she needed for a private manslaughter prosecution. Three more times the DPP rejected her request that he take up the case.

But after the decision by magistrates, he has decided to take over the prosecution.

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Scientists are urged to drop jargon and learn to communicate

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

Scientists must stop baffling the public with jargon and learn to communicate with ordinary people as a matter of urgency, the Royal Society says in a report published today.

Improving the general level of public understanding of science is a priority for the well-being of the country, and all scientists should consider it their duty to help the society says.

The Royal Society, the foremost learned scientific group in Britain, has produced a list of proposals for action, aimed at industry, education, the mass media, the lay public and scientists.

The report is the result of a two-year study into ways in which public understanding of science might be improved. Such improvements can lead to greater national prosperity, the society believes.

"Hostility, or even indifference, to science and technology, whether by shopfloor workers, by management or by investors, weakens the nation's industry," the report says.

"Such an attitude appears to be more common in Britain than in our major industrial competitors such as the United States, West Germany and Japan."

There would be a considerable competitive advantage if those who hold positions of responsibility had at least some understanding of what science and technology can and cannot achieve, the society says.

The public should be helped to understand the scientific aspects of such issues as acid rain, nuclear power, in vitro fertilisation or animal experimentation, because of the importance of public opinion in Britain's decision-making process.

"The scientific community needs to do much more than it now does to help achieve this," the report says. "The language must be simple, free of jargon and intelligible to the general lay public."

The Royal Society recommends that all school pupils should follow a broad course of science and technology up to age 16, and calls for much greater priority to be given to appropriate science courses in all primary schools.

The status and salary of teachers must be improved so that a larger proportion of teachers with the insight and ability to impart the excitement of science can be attracted into the profession.

Newspaper editors and their senior staff are urged to take "a much more positive attitude to the role of science" and to give the subject more space. Science output on television and radio should be sustained and increased where possible.

"But our most direct and urgent message must be to the scientists themselves: learn to communicate with the public, be willing to do so, and consider it your duty to do so," the report concludes.

"Within the scientific community, there is still often a stigma associated with being involved in the media. Such attitudes are not appropriate."

The Public Understanding of Science (Publication sales department, The Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1Y 5AG, £6.90).

Killings inquiry promised by Sikhs

From Richard Ford, Delhi

The Sikh Akali Dal Party launched its Punjab election manifesto yesterday, promising a judicial inquiry into all killings in the state and strongly defending its three-year agitation.

The manifesto hails the agreement between Mr Rajiv Gandhi, the Indian Prime Minister and Sant Harchand Singh Longowal, the Sikh's assassinated leader, and pledged financial help to those who suffered during the protests together with measures to restore the economic fortunes of the state.

If it wins power in the elections on September 25, the Akali Dal say it will free all Sikh youths detained without charge and find them jobs. It will also set up a judicial inquiry headed by a High Court Judge to investigate killings in the state.

In a foreword to the manifesto, launched in Chandigarh, the party says the settlement between the Government and the Akali Dal "vindicated" its position and restored to Sikhs "a place of pride and dignity in the Indian mainstream". It criticises past policies of Congress (I), an attitude in contrast with the ruling party which is anxious to forget the past and in particular the role of the former Prime Minister, Mrs Indira Gandhi.

Omission references to her from the Congress (I) election strategy was neatly summed up in a cartoon on the front page of the *Indian Express* which showed Mr Gandhi saying: "Mum's not the word".

The manifesto says if the Akali Dal's demands had been conceded earlier the state and nation would have been spared much agony and it accuses Congress (I) of "shallowness" in its former policies. It promises pensions to those who suffered during the agitation.

Flowers create a thorn in Palme's side

From Christopher Mosey, Stockholm

A small flower kiosk on a street corner of Stockholm and the woman who runs it, "the Eliza Doolittle of the South Side", may hamper the Social Democrat Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme's, chances of re-election when Sweden goes to the polls on Sunday.

Such kiosks, equipped with hot and cold running water and often a telephone and colour television, are a cornerstone of commerce in Sweden, a potent symbol of individual enterprise and initiative.

This week, the case of Kerstin's Kiosk, became an election issue when it was taken up by the Liberal leader, Mr Bengt Westerberg, who sees it as a classic example of private initiative hindered by socialist bureaucracy.

Mrs Kerstin Teanstad bought the rights to her kiosk in January last year from the Socialist Democrat controlled city council and was granted a permit to sell flowers by the highways authority.

Five months later she was told the kiosk was under the jurisdiction of the parks department, who said it should be moved.

The highways authority offered a site across the road but the planning department said the kiosk was not in good enough shape and recalled that the recreation committee let it stay where it was. Three other committees are now considering the matter.

Small though it may be, it is an issue that strikes a responsive cord with Swedes who are



Mr Palme campaigning with his party's symbol, a red rose.

0.5 per cent lead over Mr Palme's Social Democrats. Mr Westerberg has outshone his allies, making a particularly good impression on younger voters, one in three of whom are reckoned to be uncommitted.

The conservative leader, Mr Ulf Adelsohn, the most likely candidate for Prime Minister in the event of a non-Socialist victory, has been less convincing.

He has tended to speak first, think later. On visits to a nuclear power plant, he announced that he would be prepared to swim in the waste water to demonstrate his faith in its lack of radioactivity.

The remark angered the third non-socialist leader, Mr Thorbjörn Fälldin, whose Centre Party is against nuclear power.

This campaign will probably be Mr Fälldin's last. Plagued by illness before it began, the man who was Prime Minister for most of the non-socialist rule between 1976 and 1982, has fought a floundering and inept battle.

In striving to maintain an independent image for his party, he has succeeded only in harming the unity of the non-socialists who have, as a result, yet to agree a common programme.

Mr Palme's Social Democrats, while still most likely to win, albeit by a slim majority, may have harmed their chances with a massive "overkill" advertising campaign suggesting that Sweden will become an uncaring society if the non-socialists take over.

Gorbachov skirts reform in setting grain target

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov has called for an annual Soviet harvest of 350 million tonnes of grain, maintaining that this can be achieved by hard work and more efficient use of the collective farm system.

But Western experts said the target set by the Soviet leader was unrealistic, and he had made little reference to reforms in Soviet agriculture.

Pravda and Soviet television reported a speech by Mr Gorbachov at Tselinograd in Kazakhstan last Saturday. Officials said the delay in publication was to ensure that the text was full and accurate.

Mr Gorbachov talked of "technological and organisational restructuring" in agricultural production, and of "new approaches" in scientific

research linked to food technology. But his emphasis was on traditional methods, including the food programme launched by President Brezhnev in May 1982, and the concept of agro-industrial complexes.

This year's harvest is estimated at 190 million tonnes, an improvement on last year's figure but still well below the official target of 239 million

tonnes. Mr Gorbachov said the 1985 crop would be better than last year but did not elaborate.

● BERLIN: East Germany could reap a record grain harvest of about 11.7 million tonnes this year despite poor conditions early this summer, the Deputy Agriculture Minister, Herr Erwin Neu said yesterday. (Reuter reports).

Most teachers favour tradition

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Teachers in England and Wales are traditionalists rather than trendies, in favour of the cane and against mixed ability teaching and the abolition of grammar schools a new survey shows.

The most traditional teachers are those in craft and science subjects; older teachers; and those from the rural areas of Wales, East Anglia and the South-west according to the research undertaken by Dr Alison Kelly, a sociologist at Manchester University.

Modern language and English teachers are much less traditional and teachers of humanities subjects - history, geography, social studies, religion and economics - are innovative. A total of 870 teachers were polled and the response rate was 43 per cent.

The survey showed the teaching profession to be united on many issues, particularly on mixed-ability groups, with 19 per cent agreeing.

On corporal punishment, 50 per cent of teachers thought it should be available in schools and 37 per cent thought it should not.

The study, published in the latest issue of *British Educational Research Journal*, commented that a belief in sexual equality seemed to blind teachers to the many inequalities that exist in schools. The survey showed that researchers have documented the ways in which girls are disadvantaged in secondary schools, but "most teachers remain unconvinced or unaware of this".

"Science teachers, especially the all-female domestic science staff, were more sceptical than arts teachers," the researchers said.

They recommended a vigorous programme of training for teachers. "The Sex Discrimination Act has made overt discrimination illegal, and most schools have responded by ending formal segregation," they said.

"As with comprehensive schooling and mixed-ability teaching, so with sex stereotyping, if teachers remain unconvinced of the reasoning underlying these reforms, they will reproduce the old structures within the new ones."

Call to teach boys homecraft skills

All pupils, boys as well as girls, should study home economics in preparation for the adult responsibilities of family life, a discussion document published by Her Majesty's Inspector of Schools says.

The booklet, the fifth in the inspector's *Curriculum Matters* series, acknowledges that it is difficult to persuade boys to take the subject when they make the choice at 14. It proposes that boys be taught as much home economics as possible between the ages of 11 and 14.

The booklet says that at the age of seven all boys and girls should know and understand how different members of their family are related, and the kinds of task needed to run a home. They should know about the colour and flavour of different foods, and the names of common clothing and finishing materials.

"At the age of 11 they should have grasped simple notions of value for money, the principles of a balanced diet, and the ways in which tasks may be matched to their own abilities."

"At age 14 boys and girls should know the responsibilities associated with bringing children into the world, basic cooking and the causes of soiling fabrics and how to clean them."

"At the age of 16 pupils should appreciate the needs of shelter, clothing, food and care, and understand about heating, insulation, lighting ventilation, air pollution, gas and electricity."

Home Economics from 5-16, *Curriculum Matters 5* (Stationery Office, £1.50).

Oak and ash to replace conifers at Thirlmere

The North West Water Authority is to fell 112 larch and cypress trees around Thirlmere in the Lake District and replace them with oak, ash, birch and other broadleaved trees. The action is in response to a court case brought in Keswick earlier this year.

Mrs Susan Johnson, aged 67, of Ravensglass, daughter of Lakes conservationist H. H. Symonds, claimed that the authority had failed to plan the proportion of native trees required under the Manchester Corporation Waterworks Act of 1879.

The magistrates agreed with her, but did not make an order as the authority said it already intended to plant more broadleaves.

Mother charged with murder

Angela Alleyne, aged 23, appeared at Crampton Green Magistrates' Court, south London yesterday charged with murdering her son, Tyrone, aged five, and her daughter, Keisha, aged three, at her home in Herne Hill, south London, between September 7 and 9.

No application for bail was made and she was remanded in custody for seven days.

Games for blind are top

By Tony Samstag

A meticulously crafted box of games for the blind was the grand prize winner yesterday in the twenty-ninth annual war pensioners' handicrafts and art exhibition at the Victory Services Club, London.

Its creator is Mr Frederick Claude Galway, aged 65, of Sandbach, Cheshire, who went blind during the four years he was held as a prisoner of war in Poland and Russia after his injury and capture near Rostog in 1940.

Post Office on course for letters record

By Martha Fletcher

The Post Office, which made a £149 million pre-tax profit last year, predicted yesterday that it will handle a record volume of inland letters this year as a result of its success in reducing costs and holding down prices.

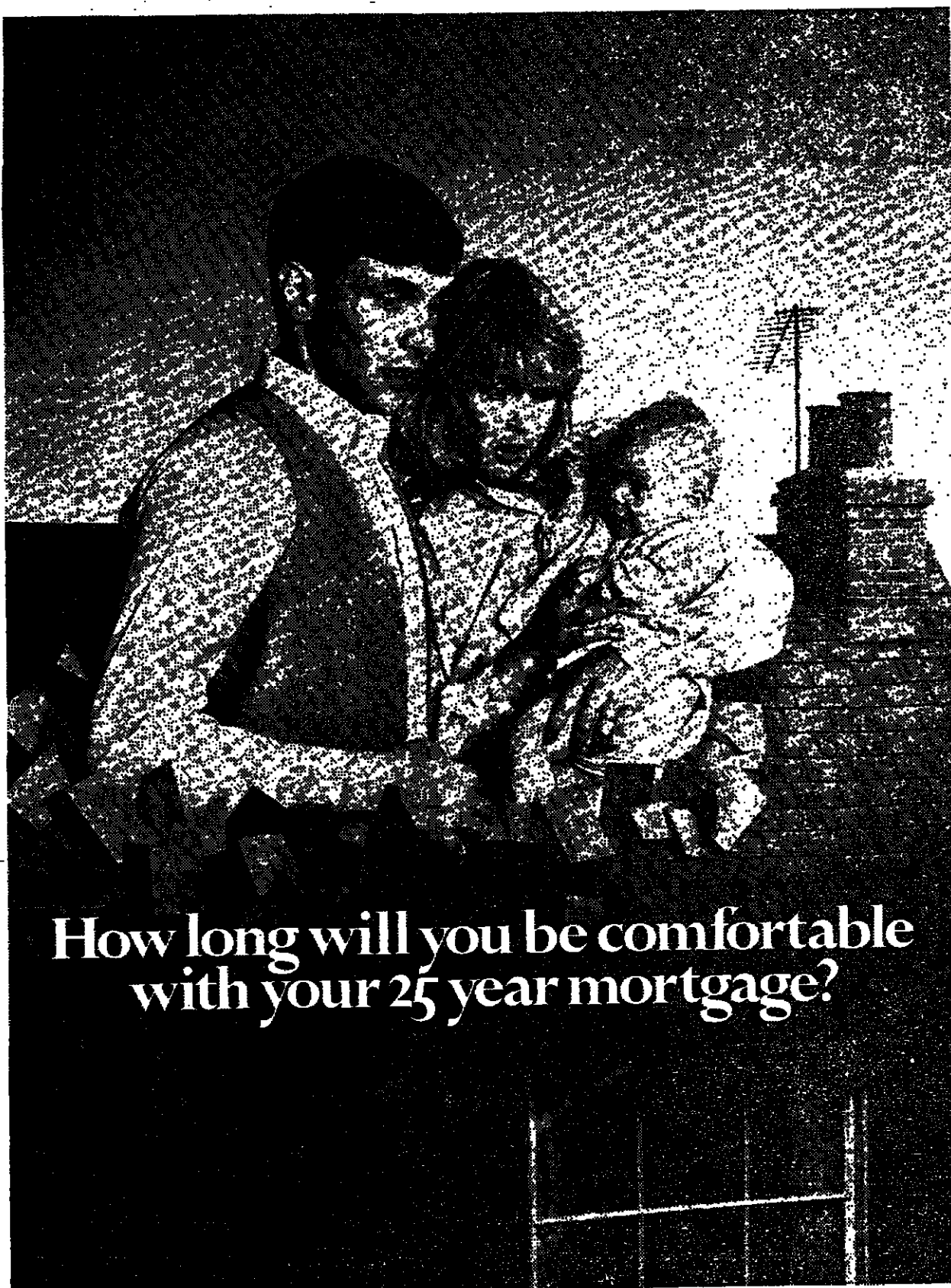
Figures for the first four months to July of this financial year show that 200 million, or 6.2 per cent, more letters were posted than in the corresponding period last year.

In contrast to the slump of the 1970s, this is the fourth consecutive year of growth, and with the cost of a second-class stamp being 60p, a penny in November, the Post Office believes it is on course to beat

the record 11 billion letters it handled in 1967-68.

Sir Ronald Dearing, the Post Office chairman, attributed this growth to the saving of postal charges and to a 7.2 per cent reduction in real costs over three years. This reduction, 2.2 per cent above target, has been achieved largely through enhanced efficiency, but also through the initial effects of a programme of closures of 1,100 uneconomic main and sub-post offices.

Post office charges will be down 5 per cent in real terms this year and are the cheapest of any EEC country apart from Greece.



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South Africa in turmoil

European Parliament urges Britain to reconsider its stand

From Jonathan Braude, Strasbourg

Britain's decision to block agreement on joint EEC measures against South Africa "offers a glimmer of hope to those who want to maintain apartheid," the European Commissioner for external affairs, Mr Willy de Clerq, told the European Parliament here yesterday.

Speaking to a House so divided on the issue of sanctions that it had so far been unable to reach a compromise on a resolution on South Africa, Mr de Clerq said the British move did not help Europe and weakened the political signal that the Community was sending to Pretoria.

The Commissioner called on the British Government to reconsider its position, as he grew.

Growth, he argued, put greater spending power in the hands of the black majority and integrated them in management, administration and society.

Lord Bethell, also speaking for the Conservatives, said that the best way to subvert apartheid was from within - by encouraging greater investment.

But the Socialist group expressed its disappointment over the British stand.

In a last minute move on Tuesday evening, Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State, at the Foreign Office, refused to give British consent to a list of measures against South Africa, including the withdrawal of military attaches, an embargo on sales of oil, military and paramilitary equipment and sensitive technology to South Africa and a prohibition of new contracts for nuclear cooperation.

His action left other member states the option to act individually but prevented the EEC from forcing Britain to take measures it could not accept.

Thatcher line criticized

By a Staff Reporter

The British Government's resistance to concerted EEC action against South Africa was condemned by the Labour and Liberal parties yesterday.

"Mrs Thatcher's Government has shown by its resistance to any extra pressure on apartheid what 'last ditch' really means," Mr Neil Kinnock, the leader of the Labour Party said. It is the shameful hole into which this Government has crawled.

Mr Alan Bethell, Liberal

spokesman on overseas affairs, said that Britain's trade and political relations with other African countries would suffer from the Government's stand.

"The suggestion that the Foreign Office needs more time to think is no more than a lame excuse. The word has gone out from Mrs Thatcher that Britain wishes to remain friends with the South African regime and that every attempt must be made to stop effective measures being taken."

Democrats still firm on sanctions

From Michael Binyon, Washington

Determined not to let President Reagan off the hook over sanctions against South Africa, Democrats in the Senate yesterday pressed for a swift vote on the congressional sanctions Bill which they still hope might be passed with the help of dissident Republicans.

At the insistence of Democrats determined to seek a confrontation with the White House, the Senate was due to vote yesterday on cutting off a filibuster begun on Monday, thus opening the way for a full vote on the Bill. The Democratic leadership announced beforehand that it would try again today to halt the debate if it could not muster the necessary 60 votes yesterday.

The Republican leadership has agreed to put off any vote on a sanctions Bill until next spring to avoid a clash with President Reagan, who has announced he would veto the measure.

But the Democrats, exploiting the differences within the Republican Party between the leadership and several liberal senators, are determined to use the issue for a broad challenge of the Republicans' moral and political leadership.

Their combative strategy was summed up by Senator Edward Kennedy who said on television: "The Republican Party is at a crossroads. It must decide whether it wants to be the party of Lincoln or apartheid."

Mr Reagan gave as a reason for his transparently limited sanctions, his wish to create a bipartisan approach to South Africa so that the US could speak to Pretoria with one voice. But anti-apartheid campaigners have bitterly resented what they see as a pre-emptive move to undercut stronger congressional sanctions.

"We will not abandon the fray," Senator Alan Cranston (Democrat, California) said. "There are a lot of Republicans with us - it's not partisan with us."

The White House is determined not to let Congress set the pace in foreign policy, and says the South Africa issue is an important test of presidential authority. It pressed Senator Robert Dole, the Republican majority leader, to go along with a postponement of the Bill.

Doubts over Botha citizenship pledge

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

President Botha yesterday opened the way for the reversal of key aspects of apartheid policy by announcing his government's willingness to restore South African citizenship to millions of black people deprived of it in the name of "separate development".

Addressing a congress of the ruling National Party in Orange Free State, he did not, however, say when the restoration of citizenship would occur, nor what black political rights, if any, would flow from it. As so often in the past, his speech raised as many questions as it answered.

Typical of the ambiguous tone of much of the speech was Mr Botha's pledge to hold a referendum (among whites) if "fundamental drastic change" were required to accommodate blacks in a new constitutional structure. But he did not acknowledge that any such change would, in fact, be necessary.

The President first hinted at revision of the citizenship laws - a long-standing black grievance - last January when he opened the first full session of the new tricameral Parliament for whites, Indians and mixed-blood Coloureds. He referred to it again in his disastrously anti-climactic Durban speech on August 15.

Policy hitherto has been to assign all South Africa's 22.8 million blacks to one or other of 10 tribal "homelands", from Pretoria. As independence is attained, South African citizenship is replaced by citizenship of the homeland concerned.

The rationale for this system was that with the loss of citizenship blacks would lose any claim to exercise political rights in South Africa. Instead, their political aspirations had to be satisfied within the confines of the homelands, each of which has its own tribal government.

In practice, only four homelands - Transkei and Ciskei, both inhabited by Xhosa-speaking blacks, and Bophuthatswana and Venda, homelands of the Tswana and Venda peoples - have accepted independence. Slightly over five million blacks live in these mini-states.

Several million more Zhosas, Vendas and Tswanas live in rural and urban areas outside their homelands and they, too, lost their South African citizenship on the grant of independence. So probably about eight million blacks stand to have their South African citizenship restored in the light of President Botha's announcement.

The sovereignty of the four independent homelands, and any other that accept independence in the future (there do not seem to be many candidates) will, however, remain unaffected. Blacks living in, or assigned to, these homelands will thus have dual citizenship - that of their homeland plus South African citizenship.

This immediately muddies the impact of the President's announcement, which falls well short of the widespread demand for a single citizenship for all races within a single constitutional structure.

On the question of black political rights, Mr Botha said: "The legitimate political aspirations (of blacks outside the homelands) will be accommodated by structures within South Africa, but he revealed no more than in previous speeches about the form these structures might take.

Mr Botha said that blacks' "sense of rejection and the perception that they were being cut off from South Africa's financial and economic resources" was one of the reasons for restoring their South African citizenship, which in future would be clearly stated on identity documents.

Grand Prix threatened

Rio de Janeiro, (AP) - The Brazil Government has asked the Brazilian Auto Racing Confederation to request a transfer of the South African Formula One Grand Prix to another country, the foreign ministry said yesterday.

The request to the Paris-based International Federation of Automobile Sports was made to uphold sanctions taken by

Brazil against apartheid and to stop Brazilian drivers Nelson Piquet and Ayrton Senna from competing in the race, ministry spokesman Renato Guimaraes said in Brasilia.

President Jose Sarney of Brazil last month ordered sanctions on South Africa banning cultural and sports exchanges, oil exports and arms sales.



President Marcos and his wife Imelda arriving at the thanksgiving Mass in Manila on his 68th birthday.

Voices tell Marcos to carry on

From Keith Dalton, Manila

President Ferdinand Marcos celebrated his 68th birthday with a rain-soaked "thanksgiving mass" in a Manila park yesterday. He told a crowd of 25,000 that "voices" had told him it was not yet time to end his 20-year presidency.

Buffeted by the nation's worst economic crisis, mounting calls for his resignation and parliamentary impeachment moves over his alleged hidden wealth abroad, Mr Marcos said he would stand down "if for any moment I shall find myself incapable of meeting or fulfilling the oath of office of the President of the Philippines."

He said he would resign if he

could not improve the life of the 52 million Filipinos.

"However, I heard other voices," he said, diverting from his prepared text. "And these voices tell me that this is not the time to leave the presidency."

The Mass was officiated by Manila's Archbishop, Cardinal Jaime Sin, an outspoken government critic, who made only a passing acknowledgement of Mr Marcos' birthday in his homily.

As in other years, Mr Marcos declared September 11 a national holiday. Although it is officially called "Barangay Day" - to honour the achieve-

ments of the country's 40,000 Barangays or neighbourhoods - few Filipinos believe this to be anything but a transparent attempt at humility.

In any case, it was declared a "working holiday", meaning that except for those who attended the rally, everyone else had to report for work.

In obvious reference to the worsening peace and security situation in the country, Cardinal Sin described the barangay as a physical sanctuary of life that "cries out against the injustice of those whose wanton bullets shatter the hearts of innocent victims."

"Mr Marcos thanked the 'hundreds of thousands of people' who attended the early morning mass. But most of the people were government employees whose attendance was compulsory, and thousands of street sweepers, school children and people from poor squatter communities who had ridden free in well organized convoys of government buses and army lorries to the park."

● PETITION DISMISSED: The Supreme Court dismissed a petition by two lawyers seeking to revive an unsuccessful impeachment resolution against President Marcos.

Mururoa trip by Mitterrand will reinforce stake in S Pacific

From Diana Geddes, Paris

Widespread approval has greeted President Mitterrand's surprise announcement of his planned visit this week to the French nuclear test site on Mururoa atoll.

He will be the first French President to visit the site since General De Gaulle in 1966.

Although considered a typical Mitterrand coup de theatre the announcement has been welcomed by the right and most of the left as a timely reaffirmation of France's strategic interests in the South Pacific and of its determination to continue nuclear tests in French Polynesia, despite criticism of both following the Greenpeace affair.

His planned visit comes at a time of increased nervousness among France's remaining overseas territories, which include French Polynesia, over their future relationship with France. The elections for new regional assemblies in New Caledonia at the end of the month are seen by many as a first step toward total independence for the islands.

President Mitterrand's decision to stop off in the French Overseas Department of French Guiana, en route to Mururoa, to attend the launch of the French fifteenth Ariane space rocket at Kourou on Friday night, is certainly designed to reassure the overseas territories of their continued importance to Mururoa.

France, as well as to demonstrate his great interest in promoting Europe's role in space and in other advanced technologies.

Commenting at yesterday's Cabinet meeting on his decision to go to Mururoa, Mitterrand insisted, "France's position in this region deserves every possible attention."

Replying to criticism of his opposition to French nuclear tests before he became President, Mitterrand admitted that he had "proposed other strategies at other times". But it was that strategy which enables France to maintain its place in the world.

At the same time, he reiterated orders to the French forces "to prevent, if necessary by force, any unauthorized entry of French territorial waters or airspace around the Polynesian atoll."

A Greenpeace boat is now on its way to the atoll with the intention of protesting against, and if possible disrupting, nuclear tests at Mururoa.

It is not known whether any tests will be carried out while Mitterrand is at Mururoa. France always keeps such tests top secret, through seismological experts in New Zealand, nearly 4,000 miles away, usually manage to keep a fairly accurate record of their size and frequency, once they have taken place.

While in Mururoa, Mitterrand will preside over the first meeting of a committee of co-ordination of the South Pacific, which France has just set up, to discuss the situation in the area.

It will be composed of all the French ambassadors in countries with direct interests in the South Pacific, including the United States, Japan, Australia and New Zealand; top military personnel in the area, including Admiral René Hugues, head of the Mururoa nuclear test site, and General Michel Franceschi, Commander-in-Chief of French forces in New Caledonia; and the High Commissioners of the three French Pacific territories - Wallis and Futuna, New Caledonia and French Polynesia.

Mitterrand is due to leave Paris today to attend the Ariane launch at the European Space Centre at Kourou, French Guiana, which is scheduled to take place between 23.26 hours and 00.30 hours tonight, before flying on to Mururoa atoll, 745 miles south-east of Tahiti.

Koch's third win a landslide

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

Mr Edward Koch, who says rival He is the third New York mayor to win a third term. He looked invincible from the start. With his flair for publicity and all the advantages of incumbency, he ran on his record of providing firm management and strengthening New York's economy, reminding voters that when he became mayor the city had been in a serious financial trouble.

Mr Koch, aged 60, has a more than three-to-one majority over Miss Carol Bellamy, the City Council President, who was his main

opponent on blacks and Hispanics. His relationships with black leaders have often been stormy.

Opponents have emphasized that there is a lot wrong with New York, an acute housing shortage, a deplorable subway and high crime and poverty rates - but the Mayor's message to voters was that things are getting better.

He set out in his campaign to improve his relationship with blacks, who make up nearly a quarter of the population, and the Hispanics who are a fifth.

Unidentified gunmen kidnapped Señora Duarte in San Salvador on Tuesday afternoon, killing one of her bodyguards and critically wounding another. The President was yesterday still waiting to hear from the kidnappers.

Señora Duarte, aged 35, was arriving for a class at a private university in the Salvadoran capital when, according to military sources, three men opened fire on her bodyguards and dragged her by her hair into a van.

Government officials appear to believe that the kidnapping was the work of the left-wing guerrilla organization, the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front (FMLN).

There is speculation in government circles that if the FMLN was responsible, it may ask for the release of a captured senior guerrilla commander, Nidia Diaz, in exchange for Señora Duarte's safe return.

A friend of the Duarte family said there was a suspicion, as yet unconfirmed, that a female university companion of Señora Duarte may also have been kidnapped by gunmen.

Girl in suicide car bomb attack

Beirut - For the second time in eight days, a Lebanese suicide bomber - this time a teenage girl - yesterday attacked an unmanned checkpoint of Israel's proxy "South Lebanon Army" militia in the south of the country, killing only herself in the explosion (Robert Fisk writes).

The Syrian Social Nationalist Party later claimed that Mariam Kheiriddine had killed 18 militiamen and two Israeli intelligence officers, but the Israelis denied this, saying that two militiamen were wounded.

The girl, aged 18, rammed her explosives-filled car into a checkpoint near the town of Hasbaya. Like her male predecessor in the same area earlier this month, and apparently failed to realize that the militiamen do not stand near their roadblocks until well after dawn.

In Beirut the Portuguese Ambassador escaped unhurt when Lebanese troops thwarted an attempt to kidnap him near the "green line" dividing the city.

Sri Lanka joy over Test win

(Colombo (Reuters) - Sri Lankans yesterday celebrated the island's first victory in a cricket Test and President Jayewardene announced a public holiday for tomorrow.

Hundreds of bottles of arrack, the local brew, were emptied as fans drank into the night to mark their team's historic 149-run win over India in the second Test.

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Killer leaves mental hospital

Tokyo (Reuters) - Issei Sagawa, aged 36, who murdered Renee Hartevelt, his Dutch girlfriend, in Paris in 1981 and ate part of her body has been released from a mental hospital here after doctors decided he needed no further treatment, the Tokyo Shimbun reported.

French doctors found him mentally unfit to stand trial and Paris police authorize his return to Japan where he was confined in a hospital in May 1984.

Episcopal chief

Anaheim, California (Reuters) - The US Episcopal Church elected the Right Rev Edmond Browning of Hawaii as its new primate. He pledged to follow a liberal path to help blacks, women and homosexuals. His office is roughly akin to that of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Texas execution

Huntsville, Texas (Reuters) - Charles Rumbaugh, aged 28, convicted of murdering a Jeweller during a 1975 robbery which netted only \$54, was executed by injection here yesterday. He was the sixth prisoner executed this year in Texas.

Death plunge

Seattle (Reuters) - A member of the Sankai Juku dance company of Tokyo fell six floors to his death during an unusual aerial performance before a lunchtime crowd. Yoshiyuki Takeda died at medical centre here shortly after a rope holding him upside down came undone and plunged to the pavement.

Carbide check

Institute, West Virginia (AP) - The US Labour Secretary, Mr William Brock, as ordered the first-ever inspection of all equipment at Union Carbide's plant here. More than 100 people were rushed to hospital after a gas leak last month.

Lahore arrests

Islamabad (Reuters) - Police arrested about 100 members of the opposition Movement for the Restoration of Democracy who held an unauthorized meeting in Lahore to protest against Pakistan's martial law government, witnesses said.

Albania visit

Vienna (AP) - The French Deputy Foreign Minister, M Jean-Michel Baylet, arrived in Albania for a short stay, the first French high-level visit to the country in 40 years.

Parents seek court ban on child with Aids

From Our Own Correspondent, New York

A group of anxious parents is going to court in New York today to seek an order banning a child with Aids from School.

Fear of the disease has led parents to keep thousands of children away from primary schools in the borough of Queens this week. The first week of the new term. They have now backed up their boycott with the picketing, demanding that the Aids victim be removed.

While some of them vowed to keep up the protest yesterday, the number of children kept at home was declining and schools

in the two districts where the protest is being made reported 80 per cent attendance, 9 per cent below the city average.

The Education Authority said yesterday that the boycott was losing momentum. About 11,000 children were kept at home on Monday, but the following day the number had fallen to 9,000. The child at the centre of the controversy is aged seven or eight. It's identity and the name of the school it is attending are secret. Even the staff do not know who the child is.

Titanic's hidden riches dismissed as myth by expert

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

There is no treasure in the dark grave of the Titanic, no millionaires' diamonds, as the stories say, no fabled baubles. "I can assure you there are no valuables down there, nothing that would pay for a salvage expedition," a leading student of the disaster said yesterday.

Mr John Eaton, historian of the Titanic Historical Society, has examined the Titanic's cargo manifest and insurance claims, and has concluded that nothing of great value went down with the ship which now lies 13,000 feet beneath the surface of the north Atlantic.

Stories of the Titanic's riches are myths, he said. In those days the rich often travelled with paste copies of their jewelry and stored the real things in safes at home or in banks. The manifest has only half a page of packages that were kept by the ship's purser and none of these was valued at more than \$500.

In any case, according to a witness, first class passengers went to the purser's office after

the ship struck the iceberg and collected their valuables.

Of the \$7 million (£5.2 million) worth of diamonds said to be in the Titanic's vault there is no sign on the manifest. "Yes, there was a diamond merchant aboard," Mr Eaton said, "and he had some uncut diamonds with him. But his family made an insurance claim for no more than \$5,000."

"The highest insurance claim was made by a Mrs Cardeza, who claimed \$174,000 but only a small amount was for jewelry, and most of the claim was for clothing and luggage. The most valuable single item lost was a painting, *La Circe et le chien*, by Blondel, valued at \$100,000."

The cargo manifest of the Titanic was published in the *New York Times* on April 21, days after the disaster, and Mr Eaton has compared this list with the original manifest now in an American public records office. The lists matched.

The manifest provides no

evidence of high value shipments of jewelry or precious metals. It records the loading of cases of wine, cheese, fruit, furniture, textiles, hides, a car, orchids, straw hats, champagne, books, potatoes, machinery, soap, and shelled walnuts.

It also includes two cases of gramophone clocks, a case of gramophones, horse hair, hair nets, rabbit fur and ostrich feathers, briar pipes, 76 cases of dragon's blood, and \$24,000 worth of opium for the manufacture of medicine.

There was a \$5,000 insurance claim for a 25hp Renault. But most of the insurance claims were modest, and were paid out at six cents to the dollar.

Mr Eaton, aged 60, a New Jersey schoolteacher, became interested in the Titanic when he saw a painting of the sinking in a magazine nearly 40 years ago. He helped found the Titanic Historical Society.

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Anchor chains, winches and capstans on the Titanic lying at a depth of 13,000ft.

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AND INTO THE FRONT LINE AGAIN WITH BRAVE DEFENDER.

On Friday, 6th September, 65,000 troops were deployed throughout the British Isles. Their objective was to demonstrate the country's will and capability to defend key strategic sites against attack by any potential enemy. The exercise was the biggest in the history of Civil Defence in the U.K. It was called Brave Defender. ■ As so often in Britain's military history, the men and women involved in Brave Defender carried the weapons and equipment of Royal Ordnance. ■ In fact, Royal Ordnance has been playing a crucial role designing, developing and manufacturing defence systems since 1560. ■ Its weapons were tried and tested against the Spanish Armada in 1588, during the Napoleonic Wars, and in the Crimean War. ■ Its design and manufacturing capability grew to meet the demands of Britain's army, navy and airforce during the Great War, World War II and Korea. More recently, Royal Ordnance equipment played a decisive role in the Falklands

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Defence systems, sub-systems and components

Howe's visit fails to clear away Lagos suspicions

From Nicholas Ashford, Lagos

The two-day goodwill visit by Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Foreign Secretary, to Nigeria has achieved its main objective which was to improve the atmosphere between London and Lagos. Throughout Sir Geoffrey's talks with leaders of the new Nigerian military regime, both sides emphasized their desire to resolve past misunderstandings and establish the sort of relationship which should exist between friends.

However, his visit, the first by a British Foreign Secretary in more than four years, also

demonstrated that this is going to be a slow process. As Sir Geoffrey conceded at a press conference before his departure: "You don't overcome misunderstandings simply by a 24-hour round of talks."

The fact that his visit did not even produce an agreement on restoring full diplomatic relations was clearly a disappointment to the British side. Although both countries are expected to send High Commissioners back to each other's capitals soon, an agreement on this during Sir Geoffrey's talks here would have given symbolic impetus to the process of improving relations.

One reason for the delay was that the new Nigerian Administration is still in the process of sorting itself out following the coup which overthrew the military regime of General Huhammad Buhari two weeks ago. A new government was announced late on Tuesday, and Sir Geoffrey was only able to manage a quick meeting with the new Foreign Minister, Dr. Bolaji Akinyemi, before he left. Most of his discussions were with Air Commodore Larry Koinyan, a senior member of the armed forces ruling Council.

He also held talks with President Ibrahim Babangida, the new Nigerian leader, Commodore Ebihi Ukiwe, the Chief of General Staff, and Mr



Sir Geoffrey Howe and President Babangida during their 35-minute meeting at General Staff Headquarters in Lagos.

Abdulkadir Ahmed, Governor of the Central Bank.

It was clear from Sir Geoffrey's talks that Nigeria remains suspicious about Britain's attitude towards its former West African colony. For instance, in his speech at a dinner given for Sir Geoffrey on Tuesday night, Air Commodore Koinyan noted that there had been "a number of occasions since our independence when Nigerians have wondered about the sincerity and genuineness of British pro-

stations of friendship."

The Nigerians resent the continued presence in Britain of Mr. Umaru Dikko, a former Transport Minister who is wanted in Nigeria to face charges of corruption and who the previous administration attempted to kidnap from Britain in July last year.

The Nigerians regard themselves as the aggrieved party in the "Dikko affair". Many seem to believe the kidnap plot was a

British fabrication and that Mr. Dikko enjoys the protection of the British Government.

Air Commodore Koinyan pointedly noted in his speech: "Those who flout our laws and have contributed to the sufferings of our people cannot be allowed to go scot free or hide behind the protective laws of our friends."

Sir Geoffrey assured the Nigerians this was not so and emphasized that Britain would

"not become a haven for Nigerian miscreants." Under British law Mr. Dikko had the right to appeal against the Home Office's refusal to grant him political asylum, as he was now doing.

Britain's refusal to join in economic sanctions against South Africa has also aroused suspicions that Britain is more concerned about protecting its investments in South Africa than in removing apartheid.

Thai coup leader seeks US asylum

From Paul Routledge, Bangkok

Colonel Manoon Roopkachorn, the leader of the abortive coup in Thailand three days ago, is seeking asylum in the United States.

American authorities may be in a political quandary over the request, which would give sanctuary to the leading Thai military dissident who has twice vainly attempted to overthrow the friendly government of the Prime Minister, General Prem Tinsulanonda.

The Bangkok authorities, however, who have begun a 30-man police investigation into military complicity in the coup attempt, would probably be glad to see him in permanent exile.

Colonel Manoon and two unnamed accomplices are being held at a secret location in Singapore, pending the outcome of their applications for US visas. The Singapore Foreign Ministry yesterday finally admitted that the would-be coup-makers were on the island "in transit, at the request of the Thai authorities."

They were flown there in a Thai Air Force light plane shortly after surrendering to loyalist army units at the end of their fruitless bid for power. Neither the US State Department nor the Singapore Government will positively identify the three plotters, but it is assumed that one of them is Colonel Manoon.

The whereabouts of his brother and fellow-dissident, Wing-Commander Manas Roopkachorn, are less clear. He was originally reported to have been spirited out of Thailand on the same flight, but the disclosure of an abandoned car containing M16 assault rifles and military uniforms near the Burmese border has prompted speculation that he fled north. Burma is a favourite bolt-hole of failed Thai coup-makers.

Meanwhile, diplomats trying to assess the impact on Thai political life of the coup, the army, and the varying interpretations. Some say that it will strengthen the hand of General Prem, who has now survived two coup bids by the same man during his five-year term in office. Others argue that it has weakened his coalition administration, demonstrating that the country's economic difficulties have made a ruler's life in Thailand precarious.

A police investigation into the coup got under way yesterday under the chairmanship of the deputy Police Chief, General Narong Mahanond.

● Memorial fund: The Foreign Correspondents' Club of Thailand said yesterday it would establish a fund to help train photo-journalists in memory of Neil Davis, the Australian cameraman and his American soundman William Litch, killed during the coup attempt (Reuter reports).

Spy given away by his wife is jailed

Koblenz (Reuter) - A former senior West German border police official who was denounced by his wife as a spy for East Germany was yesterday jailed for five years and six months.

Franz Roski, aged 36, who had confessed at his two-week trial to having been an East German agent for 13 years, sat impassively as the verdict was given in the regional high court here.

He has been in custody since July 1984 when his wife Sybille, aged 27, a French Jewellery designer, denounced him to police because of her religious scruples.

The couple, who have three children, embraced at the end of the trial and left the courtroom arm-in-arm. Charges of complicity against Frau Roski were dropped on the grounds that her evidence from further harm.

Roski was remanded in custody pending possible appeals from both defence and prosecution.

He was found guilty of seriously compromising national security by giving East German confidential documents on border police operations and on the force's links with West German secret services.

Roski worked at the West German Interior Ministry from April 1982 until his promotion in February 1983 to section chief at border police headquarters in Koblenz.

State prosecutors had demanded a seven-year prison term. The court stripped Roski of his citizen's rights for five years but dismissed a prosecution demand that he pay to the State the £13,000 he had earned from spying.

The judges rejected Roski's claim to have been an unwitting agent afraid to stop because of the consequences, but said they had taken his confession into account in passing sentence.



Franz Roski jailed for five years.

Satellite makes first pass through comet tail

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

An American scientific satellite yesterday became the first man-made object to pass through the tail of a comet.

A NASA spokesman said that the satellite, launched seven years ago to explore interaction between Earth and planetary systems, entered the tail of the comet Giacobini-Zinner yesterday about 4,000,000 miles above Earth. It took about 12

minutes to pass through the yellow dust tail.

The satellite, International Cometary Explorer (Ice), has started to transmit scientific data, highlighting America's lead in space exploration by reaching a comet six months before the first Soviet, Japanese and European space agency satellite explorations are due to encounter Halley's Comet.

Autonomy curbs anger Catalans

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's difficult relations with Catalonia and the Basque country, the two regions with traditions of home rule, have now degenerated into an open confrontation with Madrid.

Both regions are up in arms against moves by Señor Felipe Gonzalez's Government to curb the powers of their police forces and over finances.

The Basques are heading for a full-scale conflict with Madrid over who is to collect the

value-added tax, due to be introduced on January 1, the day Spain joins the EEC; and the Catalans' autonomy is threatened by budget cuts.

Using National Day, the "Diada", celebrated yesterday, Señor Jordi Pujol, the Chief Minister in Barcelona, urged his fellow-Catalans to protest "in a way which the central Government in Madrid will understand". In Vitoria, Señor Jose

Antonio Ardanza, the Basque Chief Minister, remarked that he could not rule out scrapping the Statute of Guernica.

Both in Barcelona and Vitoria, where centre-right parties hold power, the Socialist Government in Madrid stands accused, after nearly three years in office, of reverting to the highly centralized ways Señor Gonzalez himself opposed while in opposition.

Canada claims Arctic waters

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada has asserted boldly its claim to sovereignty over the North West Passage and other waters of the Arctic archipelago, after a controversial transit by an American ice-breaker this summer.

Straight base lines have been drawn around the islands, spraying "Arctic Waters" on the map. The move is seen as a challenge to the United States, which claims the waters as international.

An Order-in-Council establishing the base lines was signed on Tuesday, and will take effect on January 1. Other lines have been drawn setting the limits of Canada's 200-mile fishing zone and its 100-mile pollution prevention zone.

Canada has long claimed to have sovereignty over the entire Arctic archipelago, but until now had not defined the precise limits of its claim.

The US acknowledges Canadian sovereignty over the islands to the archipelago, which sits above Canada's North West Territories, but not over the maze of largely icebound waterways which it contains.

Until recently, the two governments had been content to agree to disagree over the issue. Most of the waterways in question are not navigable anyway, except in some cases by submarines. But in July, the US Coast Guard's off-shore Canadian nationalist sensitivities - and severely embarrassed the Canadian Government - by sending the ice-breaker, Polar Sea, through the North West Passage without asking Canada's permission.

It was an implicit challenge to Canadian sovereignty, even though both governments insisted that the voyage was "without prejudice" to Canada's claims, and the Ottawa Government was widely criticized for not standing up to the Americans.

Besides establishing a territorial sea around the archipelago, the Canadian Government has decided to build the world's largest ice-breaker for operations in the Canadian Arctic. It will displace 37,000 tonnes - three times the weight of the Polar Sea.

Moi opens mountain road sealing link with UK

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

President Moi yesterday opened a 30-mile, British-built road round the slopes of 17,000ft Mount Kenya - the biggest single British aid project in Kenya. The new section, just over 30 miles long, replaces an old 56-mile road which was impassable during the rains, significantly cutting the cost of transport to the area.

A spectacular piece of engineering, with 10 high-level bridges, many embankments and deep cuttings, it cost over £20 million. A thousand men before six million tons of soil and half a million tons of rock during the four years it was under construction.

Pentagon contract charge

Washington (Reuter) - GTE Corporation yesterday said that a subsidiary had agreed to plead guilty and pay a \$10,000 (£7,500) fine in a case involving the illegal use of secret Pentagon budget documents in competing for defence contracts. The announcement was made at the communications and electronics company's headquarters in Stamford, Connecticut, after criminal charges were filed in a federal court in Alexandria, Virginia, against GTE Government Systems Corporation, two company executives and a consultant. If convicted, the two executives and the consultant face prison sentences of five to 25 years and a \$10,000 fine.

Moscow reinstates Times atlas

From Richard Owen, Moscow

It was the photograph of three bisexuals engaged in an orgy on top of a photograph of Lenin which apparently caused the most offence. Until officials from the British Publishers' Association were told by the ever-vigilant censors of Goskizdat, the Soviet State publishing house, they had not even noticed it. But nothing escapes the Kremlin, especially during the Moscow International Book Fair, when thousands of Russians go to the Moscow Park of Economic Achievements to glimpse books from the West.

For the record, the offending picture is in *American Images*, published by Penguin. It has since been returned by the Russians. Other British books which offended the Russians included *Jack's Armaments* and *Tactics of the Soviet Army*, Frederick Forsyth's *The Fourth*

Protocol. The Dick Francis novel *Trail Run*, which is partly set in Moscow, a pictorial history of pin-ups, and, from the British Council stand, a dictionary of modern politics and a history of Europe in the nineteenth century. Altogether 30 books vanished, although by yesterday one - *The Times Atlas of World History* - had been judged "less dangerous to the Soviet State than at first thought" and mysteriously returned to the shelves overnight.

Mr Tony Read, director of the Book Development Council and a leading figure in the British Publishers' Association, was confident that most of the missing books would be returned, presumably by the time the fair ends this weekend. The head-off the Soviet "panel of experts" Ramaz Ncheldze of the book fair organizing com-

mittee, had been most affable. Mr Read said, and had done his best to explain why the books (or some of the books, many of the 30 have allegedly been "stolen"), were unacceptable.

British publishers are taking the Soviet bans in their stride, partly because it has happened before (the fair is bi-annual) and partly because the censorship is obviously haphazard. John Le Carré's *Smiley's People* slipped through, and was still on the shelves when the fair opened to the public on Tuesday.

Yesterday crowds queued in heavy rain to get tickets for the fair, at which the British stands are numerous this year. Most apparently wanted to see Western publications, even though they cannot buy them. All books at the fair are bought by Soviet state agencies.

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THE ARTS

Opera

Rossini resplendently revived

Il viaggio a Reims
La Scala, Milan

Grand operas that rise again from the dead all too rarely find the straight for the audience's jugular, like a well-trained vampire. All too often there is a sense of mild gratitude for seeing and hearing what has lain underground for a century or more, coupled with a mental note not to revisit too quickly. But Rossini's *Il viaggio a Reims*, ossia *L'albergo del giglio d'oro* (The Road to Reims, or The Golden Lily Inn) is quite a different matter.

It was written for the coronation of France's Charles X in 1825 and performed in Paris at the Théâtre-Italien. There was substantial vocal talent around at the time and Rossini employed it up to the hilt. He required ten principal singers for *Il viaggio*, including three sopranos on whom great demands are made. Add in a number of instrumental solos and it becomes clear in part why *Il viaggio* vanished. Rossini almost certainly realized that he would not be assembling such forces again in a hurry, so he withdrew the score and re-used much of the music in *Le Comte Ory* three years later - La Scala's programme, scrupulously ever in detail, carefully lists the recycles. On Rossini's death the *Il viaggio* score passed to his widow, who bequeathed it to the family doctor and obscurity: that is until the festival at Pesaro, Rossini's birthplace, revived it last year.

It is this Pesaro production which has just opened La Scala's brief autumn season, substantially changed to judge both from pictures in the programme and reports from the Adriatic Coast. It arrives with one of the strongest Rossini casts assembled in a long time, thanks probably to the influence of Deutsche Grammophon,

who have recorded the opera, and Claudio Abbado, who conducts it. Rossini regulars such as Ricciardi and Valentini Terrani, Raimondi, Ramey and Dara are joined by the new generation of singers, including Gasdia and Cuperli. Together they make it an evening of the highest musical good humour and style.

Balocchi, Rossini's librettist, provided virtually no plot, just a series of national jokes along the "Have you heard the one about the Englishman, the Russian and the Pole?" lines. A number of foreign travellers arrive at the Golden Lily, Plombières, a French spa, on their way to the coronation of Charles X at Reims. For implausible reasons there are neither horses nor diligences to carry them further. So they flirt with one another and, like the Canterbury pilgrims, tell tales - or, since this is Rossini, sing songs. *Il viaggio*, Abbado has said, is like *Waiting for Godot*. Reims never comes.

The solution of the producer, Luca Ronconi, is to fill the stage - and much more than the stage - with a multitude of tricks, comic and outrageous, inspired and unnecessary. The old knocks against the new: two wings are built out into the auditorium where harpsichords and television sets are cheek by jowl. A catwalk is constructed around the orchestra and Abbado is obliged to join in the proceedings, which he appears to do most willingly, like a conductor from *The Palace of Varieties*. Instrumentalists providing solo accompaniment, notably the flute and the harp, do so on stage. Marionettes handied underneath the proscenium arch perform the formal dances. And, most controversially, three screens show what is happening outside the theatre, where Charles X and his retinue are processing through Milan's Galleria before

breaking into a trot, much like Gower making for the pavilion after a victory, for the final coronation in the theatre. La Scala reckons, correctly, it is the right place for that sort of thing.

At the start Ronconi's production is confusing, despite audience aids such as having the first arrivals at the Lily rolled on in bathstubs - it is after all a spa - towelled in their national flags. But thereafter Rossini himself makes it easier by presenting his big stars individually, another *Palace of Varieties* touch. The last to arrive is Corinne, a Roman poetess loosely based on Mme de Staël's creation of the same name, and heroine of the opera, if there is one. She is apt to have a harp accompaniment while she gathers her thoughts and she has the sweetest numbers of the score, notably an offstage aria and an *improvviso* in the finale. Both are sung by Cecilia Gasdia with a brilliant upper register and a sense of wit, which her earlier appearances in *Traviata* and *Moise* could scarcely have suggested.

Rossini quite blatantly encourages his singers to show off. Lella Cuperli is only marginally less impressive than Gasdia as the Contessa de Folleville, whose passion in life is *haute couture*. She has an ostentatious cabaret when she learns that her new hat has been saved from the wreckage of her overturned carriage. The Cuperli voice may not be the size of Gasdia's, but she is a very musical performer. Lucia Valentini Terrani has enormous fun as a merry Polish widow never lacking in suitors. And it is a pleasure to record Katia Ricciardi back in her voice in a part older than she normally plays that of an exile from the Tyrol now running the Golden Lily.

In the finale, where national songs are the order of the day, Ricciardi and Ruggero Raimondi (Don Profon-

do, an antiquarian) have a sure-fire success with a knee-slapping *rylwoles*. Earlier Raimondi, also back in good voice, relishes one of Rossini's best catalogue arias, which was later to become Raimondi's detailing of the cellar in *Le Comte Ory*.

Other grandly comic performances come from Eduardo Gimenez, a prancing French cavalier and by far the better of the two tenors, and Enzo Dara as the German Baron Trombonok, who is as passionate about music as the Contessa is about hats. It is he, of course, who demands the national songs and almost comes up against a stumbling-block in the shape of the Englishman, Lord Sydney (Samuel Ramey, master Rossinian), who only knows one song:

Milord: *Non so che una canzone.*
Barone: *God save the King?*
Milord: *Appunto.*

Ramey obliges with a magisterial, and unfamiliar, arrangement of the anthem, Claudio Abbado is literally in the middle of all this. Ever since the Salzburg *Barbiere* he has been a Rossini conductor of the top rank and surely he has shown better than in this *Il viaggio*, delighting not only in the glee of the score but in the huge ensembles which reveal Rossini at his most intricate, such as the *Gran pezzo concertato* a 14 voci after which the Scala gives its singers (and audience) a break in this one-act opera of three hours' duration. With such a cast and conductor it does not seem a moment too long, with lesser forces it could be a rather different matter.

John Higgins

Further performances: tomorrow and September 16, 18 and 23. DG's recording, which with two changes uses the Scala cast, is due for release at the end of October.



Samuel Ramey as Milord, with Cecilia Gasdia, lyre in hair, as Corinne

Television
Warnings

Ten Days in May (Granada) examined life in the Soviet town of Vitebsk, described as an "ordinary town" (500 miles from Moscow) but one in which recent history is something to be carved only in memorials of stone. During the last war the Nazis invaded the region, instituting a policy of repression and terror against its inhabitants, but, as last night's programme demonstrated, that destruction has kindled only a stronger sense of identity in the local Russian population. Vitebsk seems constantly to relive "its past as a warning to the future" and here the schoolchildren sing, in the notes of a ferocious patriotism, "My country is the only one in the world". The documentary revealed that sense of community, but it also managed to suggest its disadvantages as well as its virtues.

Those virtues are obvious enough: a sense both of national identity and of national pride can be acquired, and it is from these that a strong culture springs. But the problem is that this constant evocation of the past may suggest that new problems are simply variants of the old ones (that, for example, Russian territory is in some vague way always being "threatened" by a putative enemy), which in turn leads to conservative authoritarianism and unimaginative bureaucracy.

And so this documentary dealt with the problems of peace after the horrors of war: there were innumerable examples of industrial inefficiency, for example, but the belief in "the system" - especially among the young, it seems - makes it very difficult to change that system. Book Four (Channel 4) has returned with two admirable programmes - the first on the work of Anita Brookner and the second, last night, concerned with Doris Lessing. It is all the more regrettable, then, that this is its last series; and it means that, although *Bookmark* will still find a place in the BBC schedules, there will be no programme concerned with literature (however vaguely the word has to be defined in such a context) on the independent channels. Since Channel 4 was instituted in part to cater for the preoccupations of "minorities", it ought at least to consider that minority which is interested in books.

Richard Morrison

Peter Ackroyd



Out on a limb: Sally Burgess as Public Opinion

Orpheus in the
Underworld
Coliseum

I think there is probably only one person in all the world who is not going to like the English National Opera's new production of *Orpheus in the Underworld*, and since she has a starring role in it nobody need worry very much, unless of course they were expecting a public subsidy under a government run by her. If that were the case, come to think of it, they perhaps ought to worry rather a lot, since she does not look as if she has much sense of humour. She does, though, look wonderfully like those pictures of her in *The Sunday Times*, even if she is calling herself "Sally Burgess" for the evening and masquerading preposterously as the voice of Public Opinion in Offenbach's opera.

In every other respect too the evening is dominated, quite shamelessly, wholly and completely, by the visual imagination of Gerald Scarfe. There need be no concern that his drawings might not translate well to the operatic stage: they do so uproariously, partly because a very great deal of the decor consists quite simply of cartoons writ large. Even at a time when painted scenery has made a comeback, it is a surprise and a delight to see

Operetta

such a profusion of drops and flies, coloured with the incisive gaucherie of a Chinese demonology.

Thanks obviously to the inventiveness of the ENO technical staff, Scarfe's ideas have even been brilliantly realized in the masks and costumes. This is one of those productions which slyly puts critics on trust not to give the game away, but I feel quite safe in describing something of the wardrobe, since no words could possibly undermine this flamboyant underworld. There is Mars strutting as a metal pterodactyl with a ludicrously enormous crest to his helmet. There is Venus as a cross between De Milo and de Mille. There is Mercury aglitter in silver shorts, Jupiter with his monstrous whiskers of feigned surprise, a chorus line of bellhops with suspenders and nymphet voices, another ballet of black dancers in costumes of ash and flame for the can-can. One could go on. And Scarfe does.

The only danger is that so super-abundant a spectacle will swamp the little operetta it is meant to clothe, but then I cannot imagine the either designer or the producer, David Pountney, ever had any intention that this should not happen. The most extreme instance of their flouting of Offenbach is in their treatment of John Styx, who is a sado-masochist (maybe one day we

will see real devotees of the whip and laced leather taking to the streets to protest against this sort of caricature), delivering the loveliest song in the piece through groans of expected delight. Furists might think this merits more than the little spanking Mr Pountney described on this page last week.

Others will, very wisely, just enjoy the show, with the one exception I mentioned earlier (I am not sure whether she is a purist or not in these terms). Stuart Kale and Nan Christie act the parts of Orpheus and Eurydice without embarrassment, and Miss Christie will surely settle down to believe as well in her singing. Richard Angus makes a gravely, long-suffering Jupiter, Cathryn Pope a languid Venus and Fiona Kimm a stiff horsewoman of a Diana, exploiting the richness in her voice to plummy effect. Bonaventura Bottone makes such a striking entrance as Mercury that it hardly matters how he sings, but he does not let himself get away so easily. And Emile Belcourt is a splendid demon king as Pluto, his accent enhancing his stage sinisterness.

The whole cast, and the chorus, and the several teams of dancers all work hard to make the evening one of incessant entertainment, pleasure and good dirty fun. Though actually it is not so very dirty as all that, largely because the innocence of Offenbach's music casts its spell over the proceedings, but also Scarfe's designs are so precise they have a mad-life of their own and leave the real world far behind. If they also leave Offenbach far behind, then at least the score is played with wit and enthusiasm under Mark Elder. The Coliseum should have no problems at all in filling the house for the many nights they have - it seemed daringly - programmed this whirl of a production.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre

Amandla
Riverside

Féted wherever they appear, from Moscow to Edinburgh, the Amandla troupe must be the most popular political ensemble in the world outside their native South Africa. They have a cause on which everyone can agree; and it is exciting to witness these 30 Angola-based exiles carrying the message of the African National Congress to the outside world through the culture that survives under the Botswana regime - especially as the regime is now on the run.

For these reasons, it is hard to respond to their performance without subsidizing into a string of canting superlatives. Amandla (which means "power") defines itself as the ANC's cultural ensemble, and to its members art and politics are inseparable. The question their programme raises is whether they are working to hasten the destruction of apartheid or to show what they mean to establish in its place.

From the printed programme, listing revolutionary songs and sketches, including a warning composition addressed to the South African President, it would seem to be an evening of defiant agit-prop. But the material itself, apart from Nelson Mandela's magnificent trial speech and the recurring sight of a club-brandishing cop, sounds anything but inflammatory. Rather it presents the sight of happy, well-dressed young Africans dancing and making music as they might be shown in a South Africa House propaganda film.

The skill of the company is not in doubt, except when it comes to acting in English. Their dance and choreography is ardently full-blooded, and rehearsed down to the last detail; they have excellent soloists (most obviously the trombone virtuoso Jones Gwangwa); and the production makes deft links so as to achieve a panoramic development from pre-colonial times to the present day.

The styles, however, strike me as extremely limited. There is a jumble of great repetitive monotony; there are African chorales, composed in shifting block chords. It is good music, but it is not, as the Riverside management claims, evidence of a "rich cultural heritage". It is a culture of poverty, getting its most memorable effects from the cheapest equipment, such as penny whistles and gumbos, and inescapably expressing the emotions and physical postures of the workplace and the church rather than the barricades.

Irving Wardle

Southampton International New Music Week

BBC Singers/Alldis
Turner Sims Hall

The third evening of the Southampton International New Music Week, brought choral music, and premises from the venture's two senior composers in residence, Hans Werner Henze and Alexander Goehr. The new Goehr piece, *Initiation of Baudelaire*, was a delicious morsel: an unaccompanied setting of Baudelaire's sonnet "Recueillement" (familiar to musicians as a Debussy song) in Robert Lowell's English version.

Something about the poetry - perhaps the opening words, "Calm down" - has persuaded Goehr to make a temporary truce with tonality. The result is an inspired miniature with lush harmonies, rich textures and a discriminating and fluidic balance between homophony and counterpoint.

Complementing this new Goehr were several choral works written by him in the early 1960s, and apparently inspired by the higher standards of vocal ensemble then being achieved by John Alldis. It was fitting, then, that 20 years on Alldis should again be directing these excellent performances by the BBC Singers. Five Poems

and an Epigram of William Blake demonstrates particularly well the variety of the composer's treatment of verse, the subtlety of his word-painting, all the more effective for its restraint - and the final coup de théâtre of topping the voices with a florid and wide-ranging trumpet part (expressively executed by John Wallace). Only the nudge-and-wink humour of "I ask'd a thief to steal a peach" seemed beyond, or perhaps beneath, Goehr's resources.

His choral works certainly seemed more assured than his Chaconne for organ. Despite a deft performance by Timothy Bond, which incidentally demonstrated the classical clarity of the Turner Sims Hall's Peter Collins instrument, the piece seemed turgid until some fifty splashes brought more interest (and a reminiscence of Bach's Passacaglia) near the end. Certainly it compares unfavourably with Berio's gimmicky, loose-structured but appealingly theatrical *Fa-Si*, which Bond also played with spirit.

The Henze premiere was *Orpheus Behind the Wire*, setting five Edward Bond poems as a choral complement to the composer's 1974 ballet *Orpheus*. They deal with one of Henze's most cherished themes, the artist in an oppressed

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The Promenaders, of course, took Anne-Sophie Mutter to their hearts, with applause at every possible moment during the Brahms Violin Concerto and with an inevitably encores finale.

For those who feel their applause to be too often indiscriminating, this make no mistake, was the most finely discriminating of performances. Mutter took her time - broad, almost balmy - and knew exactly what she wanted to do with every minute of it. There was time enough for a ripe cantabile, far-seeing enough to allow the BBC Symphony Orchestra under Lotar Zagrosek to enrich their own part-writing as the one dissolved into the other. Time enough, too, for every semiquaver to penetrate with a laser light, and for the double-stopping to be a far tougher, far more invigorating game of counterpointing than it so often is.

Mutter's deeply considered and indivisibly deeply felt performance had, as is so often

the case, a positive effect on the orchestra's own string playing. It seemed to take on a new suppleness, vividly variegated in its shading. Mr Zagrosek had certainly got them going in Mendelssohn's "Hebrides" Overture, on which he lavished as much care in bowing and phrasing as if it had been *La Mef*. After the Brahms, too, he drew some sharp-toothed playing from Mozart's "Paris" Symphony, whether in the delicious push the violins gave the Allegro's development or in the fizzing finale.

And then, for once, even the Prommers were floored. Mr Zagrosek's Johann Strauss II was a creature of such volatility and heady elegance that even the most mobile of the mass movers could never quite find their feet. His "Blue Danube" ("Alas, not by me!" Brahms wrote) was a scherzo of endlessly imaginative mischief and true finesse.

Hilary Finch

Stephen Carpenter, Administrator of the Scottish Chamber Orchestra, is to succeed Fiona Grant as General Administrator of the Scottish National Orchestra.

Rock

themes and baroque arrangements of the songs there was a lean asperity to the presentation, which was enhanced by perfectly synchronized and imaginatively conceived lighting and backdrop changes.

Emerging in silhouette from a swathe of misty blue light, Plant, flanked by the business-like Blunt and the punky Paul Martinez on bass, looked fresh and dignified as he sang "In the Mood". The somewhat grating timbre of his high-pitched voice was held in check, and Blunt soloed with a precise touch. The pronounced emphasis of Jazz Woodroffe's keyboards confirmed Plant's artistic move forwards, and his unbacked approach was best exemplified by "Too Loud", a restless electronic concoction with a

neurotic metronome-on-the-blink rhythm. The heavyweight riffs of "Slow Dance" and "Messing With the Mekon" found him treading more familiar territory, but with care and grace.

Joined temporarily by a horn section and backing vocalists, the band became the Honey-drippers, a separate Plant project, and played a selection of original rock 'n' roll and R'n'B ballads, including Roy Brown's "Rockin' at Midnight". Although these songs were perfectly executed, Wembley Arena is hardly the ideal place to generate the intimate excitement on which they depend. The grandiose finale of "Big Log" and a frenetic "Easy Lead" redressed the balance.

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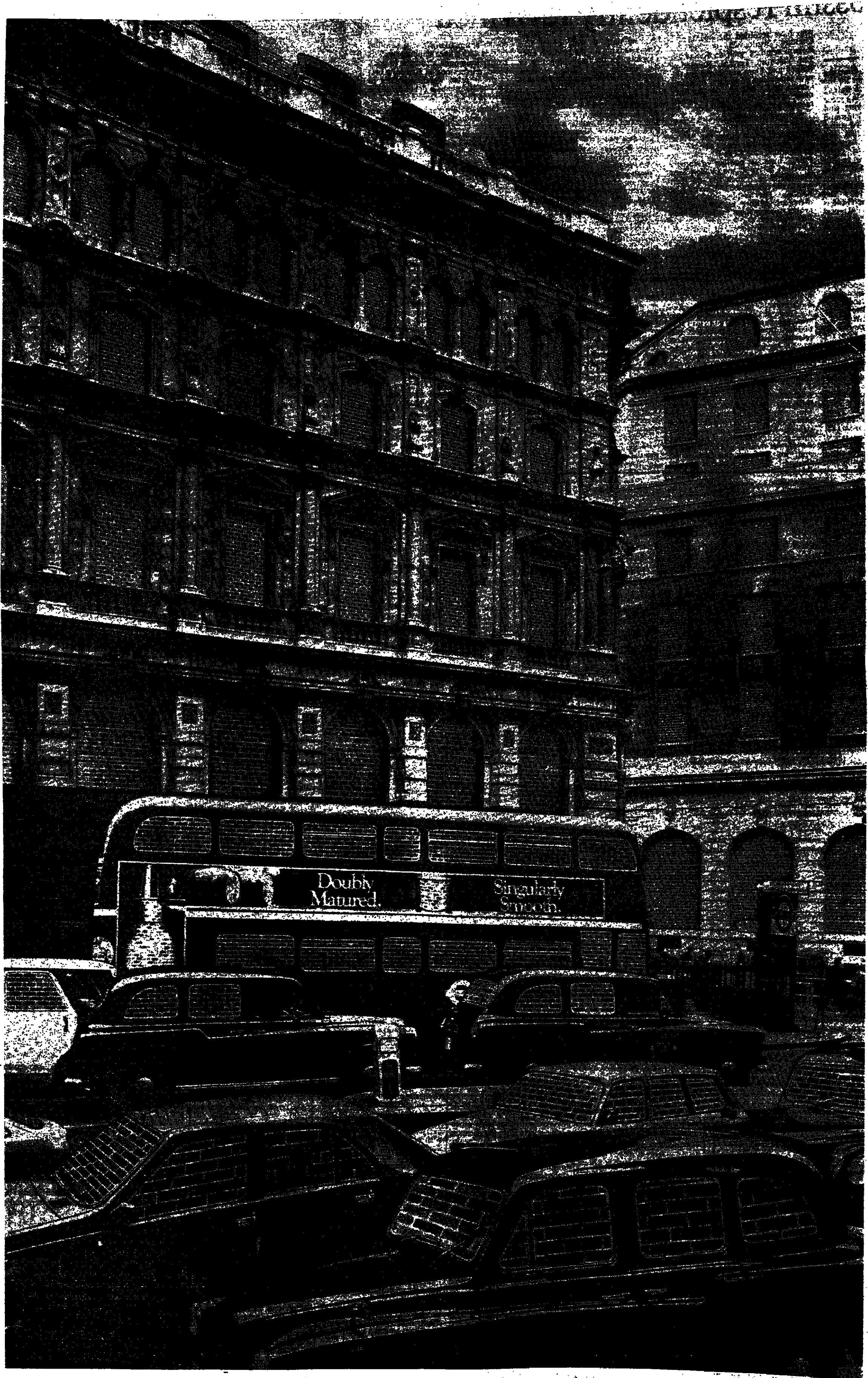
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The diplomat with a touch of acid

The Times Profile: Douglas Hurd

Was there, Douglas Hurd wondered, in replying to a friend who had written to congratulate him on his latest novel, "a little too much vinegar in the salad, perhaps...?" The *Palace of Enchantments* (written in collaboration with Stephen Lamport) is the story of Edward Dunsford, Minister of State at the Foreign Office in a Conservative government, who suffers neither fools nor protocol gladly. He is noted for no particular moral nor philosophical attachments until, on an African journey, he discovers a cause, his advocacy of which ends in his destruction. The vinegar to which Hurd referred can be discerned in the treatment of almost every character in the book.

If the typical salad is over-mild without vinegar, but over-acerbic with too much of it, a varying mixture of the two can serve as a metaphor for the perception by others of Douglas Hurd's personality since he left the Diplomatic Service to join the Conservative Research Department in 1966.

His bland and easy manner, the quiet humour he displays on social occasions, the slightly donnish air as he bends over to attend to an observation, the spectacles he touches into place as he speaks, all bespeak the untouched salad. But when he is crossed, or when he thinks his interlocutor a fool, the head tilts back, the voice rises a notch, and a snap can turn very quickly into a snarl. He can put the lash of a whip into his voice, and surprise anybody who had imagined he had been talking to the perfect English diplomat who had somehow strayed into politics.

After a year of the troubles of Ulster, Hurd has now been thrown straight into the troubles of the mainland's inner cities. The Birmingham riots are hardly the kind of challenge any Home Secretary would wish for within days of assuming office. The peculiar concentration of racial and religious hatred, irrational, consequential and incoherent, that have characterized such affairs from Bristol to Toxteth are particularly resistant to rapid political action, though that is what will immediately be demanded of him.

He was quick off the mark with his visit to Birmingham on Tuesday, but it can safely be said that he will react - in any substantial way - coolly rather than instantly. The tendency of his administration will be towards taking a hard line with disorder rather than seeking the placebos and panaceas which might earn him an early, if evanescent, popularity.

Just beneath the seemingly impenetrably urbane surface of Douglas Hurd's personality there lurks a pleasing touch of the savage. It comes right to the surface in the novels. Five of the seven were written in collaboration. But the two produced on his own - *Vote to Kill* and, particularly, *The Truth Game* exhibit even more powerfully a corrosively jaundiced view of humanity, particularly politicians and journalists, to a degree that suggests the artistic vision is Hurd's own.

How does a man who writes so brutally about politicians (including constituency workers) get himself elected to Parliament and advanced to the front rank of government? His path was not indeed, always an easy one, though he strenuously denies that the novels have ever excited particular hostility at constituency or parliamentary level.

Hurd had, in his youth, a mixed background. His father, the first Baron Hurd, was a farmer and a writer on agricultural matters. The son showed an early academic bent. He was King's Scholar at Newcastle School at Eton and, later, a Major Scholar at Trinity. He was a reserved boy and not given to the social enthusiasms of the students of his day. When asked how so quiet a creature had become President of the Cambridge Union, a contemporary replied: "It was a dull year."

In 1952 Hurd joined the Foreign Office. In 1966 he left, feeling, like other able Civil Servants before him, that the real action was in elective politics. It was to be eight years before he found a seat in Parliament. It must often have seemed to him, over those years, that he had merely exchanged one form of bureaucratic life for another. He first worked in the Conservative Research Depart-



Trial by fire: Douglas Hurd, from Belfast's Falls Road to Birmingham's Lozelle's Road, scene of the riots

ment and then for Edward Heath, in opposition from 1968 to 1970 and in government from 1970 to 1974.

Fortune of the public kind did not begin to smile on him until he was chosen to contest Mid-Oxfordshire in the February 1974 general election: before that, it was said, his mandarin attitude, and Heath's obtrusive patronage, put off selection committees. His return to the Commons in 1974 was, moreover, hardly attended by unimpaired success. Heath had lost the general election, and any early hope of office was thus dashed.

The winter of 1974 and the spring of 1975 were marked by a fierce struggle for the Tory leadership, and Hurd emerged on the losing side, having stood loyally by Heath's guns. Hurd seemed to be facing total eclipse.

The next four years can be considered the most impressive of his political life up to 1984, both from the point of skill and that of courage. Recognizing that some Heath supporters had to be included in her team, Margaret Thatcher tossed him the unconsidered trifle of spokesman on European affairs. It did not hold out many prospects, for a man of his past affiliations, and Hurd set out to write his second non-fiction book, *An End to Promises: sketches of a government*, a study and, in part a defence, of the Heath government of 1970-74. Various friends - and his publisher - begged him not to attempt it. His position under the new dispensation was precarious. He had to work his passage back. Hurd was immovable. "I will not," he said "repudiate what I was".

The book is fascinating, and has a

detachment rarely achieved in a political memoir. But Heath quickly made it known that he did not care for this supposed apology. His adherents claimed he detested it, while Mrs Thatcher's supporters said it was a work of blatant disloyalty to her.

What he demonstrated through these difficult years was a hitherto unsuspected steeliness of will and character, a determination to follow his own judgement.

When Margaret Thatcher won the 1979 general election campaign, Hurd was approaching 50 and had never held ministerial office. What ever his friends thought of his abilities, he could not be designated a high flier, and certainly not a fast mover up the greasy pole of politics. The new Prime Minister sent him back to his old bailiwick, as Minister of State at the Foreign Office.

BIOGRAPHY

1930: Born, eldest son of Baron Hurd.
1952: President of the Cambridge Union.
1952: Entered the Diplomatic Service.
1960: Served in Peking, at the United Nations and in Rome. Married Tatiana Benedict Eyre; three sons (marriage dissolved 1982).
1966: Joined the Conservative Research Department.
1968: Appointed Private Secretary to the Leader of the Opposition, Edward Heath.
1970: Appointed Political Secretary to the Prime Minister, Edward Heath.

1974: Elected Member of Parliament for Mid-Oxford. In 1982, elected MP for Witney.
1979: Minister of State at the Foreign Office.
1982: Married Judy Smart, his secretary; one son, one daughter.
1983: Minister of State at the Home Office.
1984: Secretary of State for Northern Ireland.
1985: Home Secretary.

Douglas Hurd has written two non-fiction books, and seven novels. The only recreation he lists in *Who's Who* is "writing thrillers".

After Mrs Thatcher's second general election victory in 1983, Hurd was transferred with the same rank, to the Home Office. He looked like enjoying no more than a moderate, middle-ranking career, worthy and dull. Only the novels gave a splash of colour to his political plumage.

All this changed when, in 1984, James Prior resigned as Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and, indeed, from the Cabinet altogether. To his own surprise as much as to everybody else's, Hurd was promoted in his place. That this was an instance of the Prime Minister's supposed predilection for treating the Ulster Office as a kind of political Siberia was sufficiently demonstrated a year later by his recall to a senior department, the Home Office.

Hurd was neither an ally of Mrs Thatcher, nor a critic so weighty within the party that he had to be placated. And he can hardly be said to have shown himself gifted in the demagogic arts. Quite other considerations than the dramatic, it appears, moved the Prime Minister.

To her eye, Hurd demonstrated immaculate competence in both his ministries. Particularly in the reorganization of the Home Office (though the major credit must be given to Britain), he played an important part in bringing to order an engine of government which generations of haphazard administration had brought close to chaos. He had shown himself always cool and intelligent under fire, something which Margaret Thatcher prizes.

She had come to respect an independence of mind which did not represent, as in other cases, a distinct hostility to all that she was trying to do. Finally, she has always believed that the understated public manner of Sir Geoffrey Howe during his tenure of the Treasury had been

a great public relations asset to the Government, contrary to the opinion of the cognoscenti. She looks to Hurd for a similar job at the Home Office.

But what, on the present political spectrum, does he represent? He has been a Foreign Office man, one way and another, for a long time. In his brief period in charge of Northern Ireland he excited Loyalist suspicions in no small measure.

Broadly speaking, one can put him on the left of the Conservative Party's centre. But he is a man less of definite views than of a definite character. His novels are worth discussing at some length because of a certainty that they offer important clues to his character. He is also, however, the author of a play, or playlet, for television.

The 15-minute exercise was called *LOS4*, for Lowering of the School Leaving Age. It was screened during one of Granada Television's lengthy and multi-part analyses of the conditions of Britain, produced by Brian Lapping, in the mid-1970s, and it presupposed a Cabinet decision not merely to renege on promises to raise the school leaving age but on economic grounds, to bring it down. Like Hurd's novels, it was beautifully organized and took the viewer through every stage by which a strategic decision is made. One can feel behind its action the certainty (and coldness) of a mastery and determined mind.

Belatedly recognized, and in an unexpected quarter, these characteristics have brought him far, and may well bring him further. But what he is, and what his play reveals, is a man quintessentially of government and the business of government, not an ideologue of any shape or form.

Patrick Cosgrave

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What's in store for Woolies?

Tucked away in Harrow Road, west London, hiding behind the old identity of a former owner, is a building known as the "secret warehouse". Only a small name-plate reveals its connection with F. W. Woolworth, the chainstore giant. Inside is a mixture of half-assembled prototypes, dismembered displays and merchandise strewn across the place. Crispin Tweddell surveys the scene with delight. From within this chaos he has created a new look for Woolworth, involving two separate chains: Woolworth's Weekend, a streamlined version of the traditional store, and Woolworth's General Store, a smaller shop dealing in basic goods.

The first Woolworth's Weekend opens today in Hitchin.

Hertfordshire, as part of a series of pilot stores being launched this month and in October. In his blue-checked jacket, tasseled brown loafers and bright socks, Tweddell appears closer to the carefully themed designer world of Covent Garden than the outdated image of tackiness associated with the dinosaur of retail. But he signifies a fresh direction. "It is part of our move towards creating a distinct and coherent consumer proposition," says Mike Sommers, the company's marketing director. "Instead of being the store of last resort, which is the phrase we use internally for the way Woolworth's had become, we start to become the store of first choice."

Although 12 stores - six in

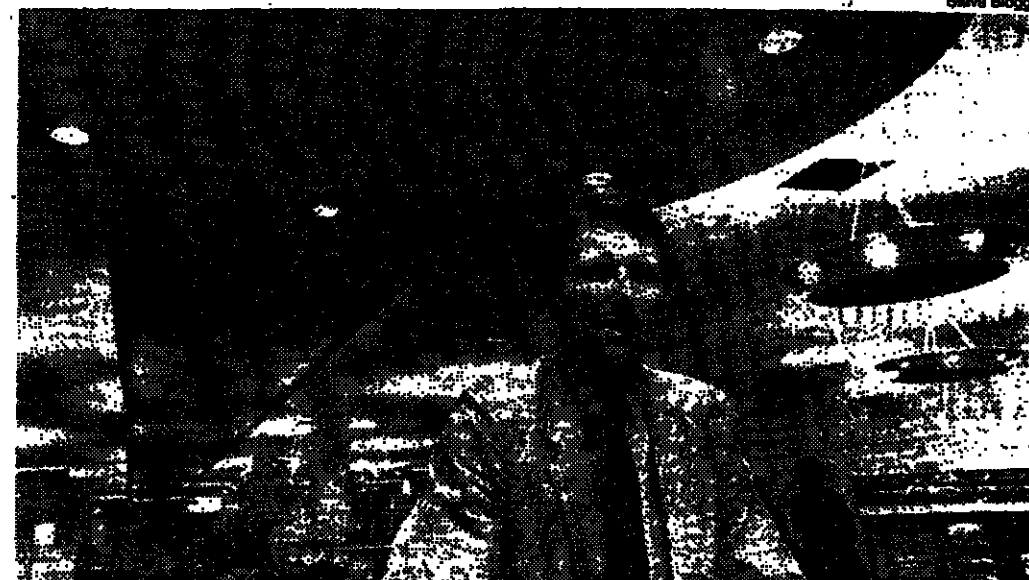
each new grouping - is hardly a dent in the 865-strong chain, the significance goes well beyond. This is the most radical step in a drive to rescue Woolworth's from the rocks. It follows the takeover almost three years ago by a City consortium from the American parent company. Involving the transformation of merchandise, image and staff, it is the first time an outside company has been used to create a completely new marketing strategy. Piper Trust was set up to handle the project by Crispin Tweddell, formerly joint-managing director of Fitch & Co., design consultants. "The more you look at Woolies, the more you understand how unique it is as a business," he says. "We are seeking to differentiate it from

all those other people in the high street. The idea behind the two new chains is to create stores targeted to suit local needs." Piper Trust identified two distinct "shopping missions" - in the jargon of the trade, "local convenience" and "major comparison shopping". Woolworth's General Store is intended to match the first need. It will be a shop of 5,000-10,000 sq ft packed with a broad spectrum of goods - "everything for family and home" - and the major non-food shop near several supermarkets. Woolworth's Weekend stores have sites of 10,000-20,000 sq ft. "It will be part of the big shopping trip where people like to look around at different stores, make a comparison and select. It is a kind of mini department store with everything you need for 'active family life'."

The new look involves eight departments, or "stories", to build on the chain's strengths: entertainment, gifts and treats, children's goods, kitchen ware, furnishings, fashion accessories, hobbies and pastimes, and do-it-yourself.

In the "secret warehouse", Tweddell assembled existing Woolworth merchandise, eliminating and adding products. The buying is done together for the two stores according to new merchandise rules. Nothing will cost more than £25 and everything must be "high-touch, low-tech". "To pick stuff up and feel it is half the pleasure of a good product," says Tweddell. "If it's terribly complex and it's a high-tech kind of thing that needs a lot of explanation, then it's not our kind of merchandise - we are not a specialist."

"Now that most of the nation has achieved a decent standard



Selling points: designer Crispin Tweddell at the new Woolworth store in Hitchin

of living, what people are looking for is quality of living. You don't want any old washing machine, you want that one. The quality of the goods we sell must change."

Flicking through a pattern book, Tweddell points out design features: "Logos - that's close to bits of history". General Store has a traditional looking sign with gold lettering on red, in keeping with an image that veers towards the sort of food store found next door to the saloon bar in western sets. Wooden shelving covers the walls and more goods hang from a grid suspended from the ceiling. A wooden service counter runs along one side with a brass rail at foot height - another bar emblem. Woolworth's Weekend has a "slightly bigger posture". A big window and a central aisle lead into a simple, off-white space divided into eight areas. Each is colour-coded on the counter tops - with much evidence of the pastel colours that now seem so popular in the high

street. Circular cash-and-wrap points replace the conveyor belt ambience of the ubiquitous check-out system as part of a move to humanize the store. Staffing has been increased and a training system emphasizes the role of the staff and "builds confidence and product knowledge". Programmes to alter staff attitude are also being carried out.

6 This is not design driven - Woolies is everybody's

In today's fiercely competitive high street, image warfare has broken out, with the stamp of the drawing board almost a prerequisite for success. In shops at the front of the image stakes, design is manipulated as a major element in attracting a particular segment of custom. Top Shop is an example. A Burton/Fitch wonderwork, it is caked in post-

modern theatrics and historical pastiche geared to woo girls age 13 to 20. The design element at Woolworth's is comparatively low key. "This is not design driven, not style driven," Tweddell emphasizes. "Woolies is everybody's company. Everybody comes to our stores."

The original Woolworth chain was launched in Liverpool in 1909, with nothing costing more than 6d. Within years there were 28 stores and soon Woolworth seemed to have the prime site on every high street. Ironically, it was with post-war affluence that the slow to pick up on the new mood of aspiration and lost the market to other chains who built up an image of quality. Woolworth has now weeded out and sold off unprofitable stores. Last year the £3m "Operation Facelift" was launched. All stores were painted with 15 completely refurbished, the product range was modified and certain departments reviewed. So far the changes are

THE NEW SHOPS

After Hitchin today, Woolworth's Weekend stores open in St Albans and Preston October 3, and Yeovil, Uxbridge and Watlington-Thames October 10. Woolworth's General Stores open in Dunstable September 26, Egham and Aversham October 17, and Leigh, Felixstowe and Eastleigh on October 24.

scarcely reflected in performance. In the first full year of trading, the new management reported a profit of £7.6m and last year a loss of £5.6m. However, Woolworth Holdings almost doubled pre-tax profit from £56.8 to £105m in 1984/85.

Considerable secrecy has shrouded the creation of new chains. Woolworth's are not revealing the cost. The 12 stores came out of a very large programme of research and development. Initiation is a substantial investment. We've spent millions of pounds, but the cost of cloning it to a large number of stores would be remarkably cheap.

Nor are plans revealed for the expansion of the pilot chains after they have been monitored into the new year. "I think one would expect to see these become quite substantial chains in their own right," Tweddell says.

An aura of high sensitivity surrounds these new developments. Woolworth's track record with new shopping experiments has not been good. The "21st Century Store" opened in Bristol in 1981, and was hailed as the pattern of the future. It closed quietly in 1983. So far in the process of re-jigging the wonder into Woolworth, miracles have proved elusive.

Jane Withers

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Jim comes unstuck

The Foreign Office and the Kremlin have jointly destroyed the dream of Jim's fix in girl Cariona Nisbet, who today was to have been British ambassador in Moscow for 24 hours. Our new man in Moscow, Sir Bryan Cartledge, was happy to allow her to open his round of social duties, which were to have been filmed by a BBC camera crew. Alas, visas for the trip - planned over a year ago - were refused by the Russians yesterday. Signs of relief at the FO where my source tells me Sir Geoffrey Howe's office was afraid that the sight of champagne sipped under the chandeliers of our opulent embassy on the Moscow River might give viewers the wrong idea of FO spending in these austere times. The Beeb, believing it would be sufficient to negotiate with the FO, failed to clear the project with the Soviet authorities.

Radio doctor...

Two sets of producers at the BBC were treated to a nasty display of tantrums by David Owen yesterday. In the morning the SDP leader turned up at the Beeb's outside broadcast studio in Torquay to demand a telephone-linked session with Mrs T's favourite broadcaster, Jimmy Young. However, he had already arranged to speak to the Home Secretary, Douglas Hurd, about the Handsworth aftermath and his producer did not want two heavy-weight politicians on the same programme. Then Owen was due to have an interview with Gordon Clough, presenter of the *World at One*, at 1.15, to follow a priority report from Handsworth. Owen arrived 25 minutes early and demanded top billing of "I'm going". Desperate pleading followed, with Owen saying "You would not do this to Thatcher or Kinnock". In the event the Handsworth report was late. Owen got his way, and was broadcast first, leaving the men from the Beeb seething.

Shirley Williams' late arrival at Thursday night's SDP revue can be easily explained. She was so late for dinner at the Palace Hotel that the head chef refused to take her order. He eventually relented and offered her an omelette instead.

Clouding the issue

Anti-CND campaigner Lady Olga Maitland, chairing a sparsely attended SDP fringe meeting, unwisely took comfort in the fact that a member of the audience was sporting a Women & Families for Defence badge depicting a baby-cradling couple. On closer examination she discovered a speech bubble had been added saying: "Darling, it's a mutant."

Undiplomatic

Two British ambassadors just don't seem to know who's boss. At two dinner parties during an overseas trip Foreign Office minister Baroness Young was subjected to the indignity of having to leave with the ladies to "powder their noses" while the men got stuck into the port. Lady Young's reaction to the ambassadors - whose names have not been released - was said to be of "controlled rage", although her office said yesterday she took it all in good part. I suspect her leader would not be so charitable.

Off the cuff

While British Airways gets Roland Klein to design its outfits, the Post Office thinks men's shirts are good enough for its female staff. Writing in her union journal, PO worker Elizabeth Smith says of her new uniform: "We were promised blouses - and what do we get? Some of us are generously endowed and find the cut does not cater for this - although it does allow room across the back for muscles which we do not have. As to the style, no self-respecting designer of women's clothes would put large pockets on the chest area..."

From the Labour Party's 1985 NEC report on fund-raising: "The national fund-raiser was appointed in April 1984. In the first nine months of activity resulted in a loss of £11,000." Good job they didn't appoint another.

Left wing

Fe-Fi-Fo-Fum, Mrs T is not going to like this one. The outline of Ned Sherrin and Alastair Beaton's new pantomime *Denis and the Beaststalk*, to be sponsored by the GLC, is rather uncompromising about her escort. The pantomime opens at the village green in Chequers, a Thatcher idyll where villagers dance around a maypole, hang from trees and are given short, sharp shocks. Denis ascends the beanstalk to the dream Kingdom of Gorbachovia and defeats the Giant by drinking him under the table. Meanwhile an alternative pantomime drafted by Beaton called *The Black Cinderella* has been put on the "back burner" because the GLC is fearful of upsetting the ethnic minorities. Perhaps it could give him a grant to change the script.

Open door

Sir Alfred Sherman rings to say that contrary to my report he did not "gatecrash" a buffet for the TUC General Council last week, nor did he "tipple happily for an hour". I drink water at midday and I was invited! Over to the host, Granada TV, who tells me that Sir Alfred was not on the official guest list but that the day before the event he met a Granada executive and said he understood there was to be a lunch and could he come. The Granada executive said he could. No gatecrash and no tipping; just a little "gatecrash" and some mineral water.

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Clare Short MP looks for the underlying cause of the riots

Handsworth: Thatcher's legacy

Why did it happen? That is what people in the streets are still asking in the aftermath of the Birmingham riots. Older people - white and black, Asian and West Indian - give the answer: lack of jobs. "Give them work and they'd be home in bed instead of milling around the streets," said one. They have no future, and no hope," said another. "No money and no possessions."

Everyone agrees that the deaths were a terrible tragedy. All around Handsworth people say what a good, well respected man the postmaster was. We all agree that the buildings can be replaced, the government or the insurance companies will pay for what has been destroyed. But no one can bring the dead back to life.

There is a lot of talk, quite detailed, about the events that sparked off the trouble. On Thursday night there had been a meeting of three white-led residents' associations who claimed that the pub near where it all started was a centre for drug dealing and should be shut. The meeting got lots of publicity. The police were strongly criticized for not cracking down on drug traffickers. It was also said at the meeting that young Afro-Caribbeans were responsible for the drug problem. This was strongly resented.

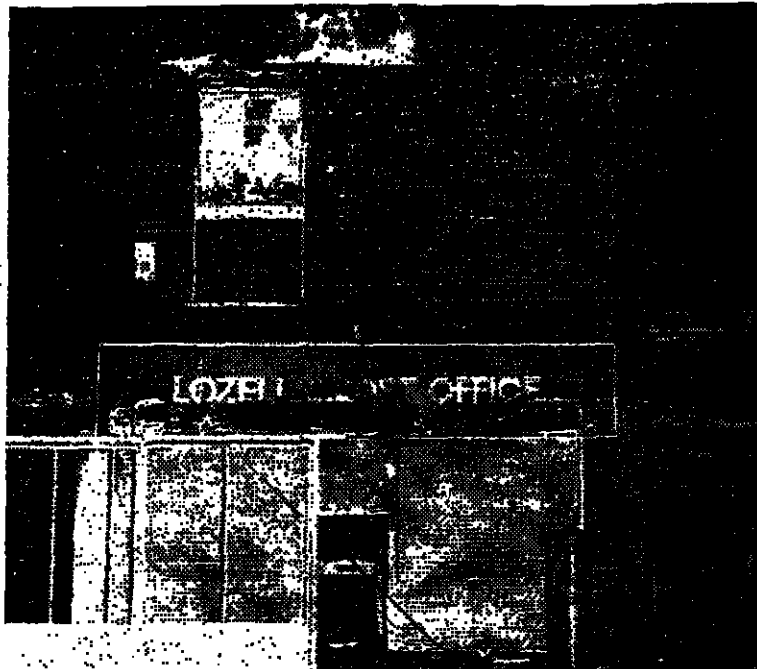
Young blacks say the police had started behaving more aggressively in recent weeks, raiding pubs and clubs and harassing them on the streets. The police deny this.

On Monday police stopped an Asian man in a car because he was parked on a double yellow line. It is said that they behaved badly. A young black woman protested, and was, it is said, attacked by the police. An angry crowd gathered.

Later the burning and looting started. Cars were overturned to block roads. Once it began, I suspect it fed on itself. And young people with nothing enjoyed the looting. Many who live on Lozells Road say how terrifying it was and how for hours the police were nowhere to be seen.

The initial protest became a chance to loot and steal. Looting spread to other streets and became selective. Jewellers and video shops were broken into; small grocery shops were left intact. On Tuesday evening I visited a family who run a well stocked off-licence and grocery about two miles from the centre of the trouble. About 20 young people started smashing the windows at about 11pm. The family covered upstairs, petrified, as tills were ripped open, boxes of liquor taken and the chocolate display thrown around the shop.

Some commentators have suggested that there is a conflict between the Afro-Caribbean and Asian communities. This is misleading and wrong. Many of the shops which were looted are Asian-owned because the majority of the shops in the area are Asian. But the



'Buildings can be replaced; the dead cannot be brought back'

temple near the centre of it all wasn't touched, and young whites and young Asians were also involved, especially in the looting. I was told of an Asian woman pleading with the crowd to leave her shop alone because she was alone with her children. Some young Afro-Caribbean girls made sure the crowd moved on.

On Tuesday, as people again gathered in the streets we heard that Douglas Hurd was arriving. We all waited. Suddenly a Jaguar and two police cars drove up at speed with lights flashing. A man obviously meant to be important jumped out.

Young people in the crowd started making a noise to show their disapproval. The droves of journalists knocked people over in their excitement; Hurd marched straight ahead. A crowd gathered round,

continuing to make clear he was unwelcome.

The police then decided to push them away. In a minute, bricks were thrown, riot shields came out, a police vehicle was stoned, overturned and set on fire. There is no doubt that this riot was sparked off entirely by the manner of the Home Secretary's arrival.

It is strange how, despite all the drama, life continues as usual. The area affected is relatively small; nearby, Tuesday felt like any other day. Children went to school, traffic moved and shops were open as usual. But pubs and off-licences were closed and shopkeepers hovered, frightened, outside their shops.

More trouble was inevitable. But policemen were everywhere and buses of reinforcements were parked around the area. I assured my frightened family that if there was trouble, this time they would be protected. This proved true on the second night. Despite vast crowds on the streets there was no significant trouble.

What is the cause? I have no doubt that it is unemployment. This does not excuse or justify the destruction, but if similar riots are to be avoided in future, the truth has to be faced. In 1979, Birmingham had 6 per cent unemployment, now 30 per cent of the 300,000 people in the inner core are out of work. For young people the figure is even higher. For young black people, there is nothing. They have no jobs, no income and no dignity; everywhere they encounter racism and rejection and they have no hope that it will get better.

Such a riot is a mindless and destructive cry of rage, the cause of powerlessness, poverty and racism. Obviously it achieves nothing; it is inarticulate and unorganized. But unless someone is ready to listen, I fear it will happen again and again. This is the Britain that the Thatcher experiment has given us.

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Bernard Levin: the way we live now

Don't let censors call the tune

At the end of the Second World War - it may even have been before VE-day - John Barbirolli conducted a concert in Germany. I cannot now remember whether it was with his own orchestra, the Halle, or whether he was conducting one of the Armed Forces' orchestras, but I remember vividly the speech he made before the music started. (The concert was broadcast live.) He announced that one of the works to be performed, the Mendelssohn Violin Concerto, had not been played anywhere in Germany for 12 years. This absence from German concert platforms, he explained, had had nothing to do with the work's musical quality; it had been banned because Nazi ideology had imposed an arbitrary political test upon it, which it had failed. The Mendelssohn Concerto was written by a Jew, and that was enough, amid the mad evil that was Nazi Germany, to bar it from every concert-hall in Germany.

That concert, and Barbirolli's speech, have remained in my memory for 40 years, which is not, I think, surprising, for it was a tiny but hugely symbolic illustration of why Nazism had to be destroyed, a definition, if you like, of what the Allied cause ultimately meant.

For 40 years I have kept that memory bright, not only because it was one of those who, if the war had been lost, would have perished in the gas-chambers for the same illogical reason that banned performances of Mendelssohn's music, but much more because it marked out in everlasting fire the boundary between freedom and tyranny, tolerance and persecution, art and power, integrity and corruption, right and wrong.

In all those 40 years, it has never occurred to me that such tests might one day be applied to the performance of music in this country, because I could conceive of no circumstances, other than the invasion and subjugation of Britain by a totalitarian enemy, in which the question could even be raised. But I had reckoned without what is now familiarly and justly known as the Fascist Left, and in particular, that movement's capture of the government of London.

Since at least the middle of July, the GLC has been imposing upon all promoters of concerts and other events at the South Bank concert halls (Royal Festival Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, Purcell Room, Waterloo Room and Hungerford Room) a political requirement

which they are obliged to fulfill on pain of having their bookings refused or cancelled. In the GLC General Conditions affixed to every contract for a performance in the South Bank Halls, there is now a stipulation (Section 4, Clause 34) that:

The Licensee (i.e. the promoter) (i) shall not engage for appearance at the performance or performances to which these conditions are applicable any entertainer actor musician or other artist or any group of such persons named in advance in writing by the Licensee to signify in writing his/her intention not to appear as a performer in any of the following territories (a) in any part of the Republic of South Africa or (b) in the Homelands territories of Bophuthatwana, Transkei, Ciskei, Venda and KwaZulu or (c) in Namibia unless and until the system of apartheid shall no longer prevail in that territory, any dispute as to whether the system of apartheid prevails in any territory to be referred for determination to the Director of the United Nations Centre against Apartheid; and (ii) shall not contract with any entertainer actor musician or other artist or any group of such persons to appear at such performances unless the contract expressly includes the following terms:

There then follows a declaration, which must be obtained by the promoter from the artist, the terms of which match, but in the first person, the wording above ("I/we declare that I/we have no intention of performing in any of the following territories..."), with the addition of a sub-clause which reads as follows:

It is agreed that if before the time of performance of this Contract, I/we do so perform or contract to so perform (the promoter) may without notice terminate this Contract in which event no fee shall be payable thereunder to me/us and any fees paid in advance shall be refunded by me/us to the promoter.

By an irony which I relish, I think I must be the very first person to be excluded from the South Bank Halls by the Fascist Left's political test; if so, I am very happy to stand alongside Felix Mendelssohn, also banned for non-artistic reasons by an earlier generation of totalitarians. I was not, it behoves me to add at once, proposing to play the piano at the Festival Hall, let alone sing Wagner, so before conclusions are jumped to, let me explain what I was engaged to do. There is an admirable group called Arts Liaison, which has raised substantial sums of money for artistic and benevolent causes. One of its regular items is the staging (normally in the Waterloo Room at the RFH) of a public interview with a celebrated musician, and I have



Paula Young

conducted several of these. To mark Elisabeth Schwarzkopf's forthcoming 70th birthday, Arts Liaison proposed that I should do such an interview with her; Madame Schwarzkopf agreed, and all was settled - until I learned that I would be expected to pass a test of ideological purity.

Naturally, I refused to pay the GLC's blackmail demand, and since the organizer of the event had no intention of insisting that I should, the occasion was abandoned. (Happily, the Cinema at the Barbican Centre turned out to be available for the date fixed - Monday, December 2nd - and the interview will now take place there.)

It is no use saying that we only have to wait until next April, when the GLC is abolished and this evil business is swept away. The Royal

Festival Hall was indelibly stained by the propaganda exhibition held there in February 1983, when the GLC handed over the whole of the ballroom area (and at a peppercorn rent) to the Soviet Union to stage a parade of lies; but the stain represented by this latest outrage is far worse, and far more difficult to expunge. Moreover, if there is one thing we should all have learnt about totalitarianism, it is that its appetite does grow by what it feeds on. It is not at all impossible that a Labour government may be in office after the next election; if so, it may well restore the metropolitan councils. We can then look forward to a further set of political tests for musicians who wish to perform on the South Bank.

First, without doubt, Israel will join South Africa in the category of apartheid states. (No, I am not indulging in fantasy; indeed, I may be understating the case. When the *Labour Herald* printed a foully anti-Semitic cartoon Livingstone not only defended its publication, but said that the only thing it regretted about it was that it did not go far enough.) After that, I would expect a requirement for artists to promise that they will not criticize the Soviet Union possibly extended later to a ban on performances by Soviet-born artists such as Rostropovich and Ashkenazy who have defected from the democratic socialist fatherland. After that, but those of sufficiently macabre tastes can project their own continuations.

Meanwhile, we remain in the present. In the capital of the United Kingdom, principal concert-halls are now closed to any artist who refuses to sign a document that has nothing whatever to do with his or her qualifications to perform, but is a totalitarian political instrument designed to further a party cause. That state of affairs cannot be allowed to continue, even for seven months. I know that the government's legislative programme is crowded; it always is. But I can think of no legislation more urgent than a law which, by prohibiting the erection of political, ideological or former barriers before artistic performers, would demonstrate that although concert-halls cannot be allowed to continue, even for seven months, the price of admission to the Artists' Entrance, this country does not intend, at the behest of the Fascist Left or anybody else, to emulate them.

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Ptarmigan: hoping Reagan gets the message

Mrs Thatcher's personal intervention in what might be described as the Ptarmigan affair has caused another ripple on the surface of Anglo-French relations, which at the best of times are never smooth. But failure to secure a £3 billion US army contract for British industry would have an even more dramatic impact upon Britain's transatlantic links, which have recently looked so strong.

Why did Mrs Thatcher lay her reputation on the line, albeit reluctantly, and risk a humiliating rebuff from President Reagan at a time when her political fortunes at home are low? One reason might be that after the government's reported failure to win a promise of substantial British contracts for the US Star Wars programme, she decided enough was enough. The other explanation arises simply from the scale of the Ptarmigan project, which should ultimately be worth more than £3 billion to Plessey.

The least controversial aspect of the whole affair would seem to be the merits of Ptarmigan itself. It is a battlefield communications system which the present commander of the

British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) has called its most significant equipment advance for a decade.

During the Second World War soldiers in the front line spoke to each other by field telephone, linked by land lines and switched through by manual exchanges. Then came electro-mechanical systems such as Bruin, which entered service in 1967 and is now being replaced. The computerized Ptarmigan system is already in use by BAOR's 1st Armoured Division and should be operational throughout BAOR by mid-1986.

Ptarmigan provides a push-button battlefield telephone system which is faster and more secure than Bruin, with the range of facilities now available on British Telecom's latest "it's for yoo-hoo" system.

No longer will commanding officers have to drive to HQ for the kind of conferences that Montgomery used to hold in the desert. They can now confer together by telephone, bringing in intelligence, medical or logistic expertise as required. Under the system's single channel radio access (SCRA) an officer can dial a colleague who is

speeding along in his Land-Rover - or transmit an order or map on a facsimile machine by his side.

The system is so mobile, and the vehicles carrying the equipment can be so easily dispersed, that BAOR believes it would be a difficult target for an enemy to pinpoint and destroy. On a recent demonstration for US officers the control system was so well concealed within a farmyard that they failed to find it.

Ptarmigan was developed by Plessey from a feasibility study carried out in the 1960s by Britain, Australia, Canada and the US. An American follow-up failed, probably because they were over-ambitious in trying to develop a system for all three services.

Australia and Canada have waited on the sidelines and must now be considered potential markets for Ptarmigan. So must other armies throughout the world if Plessey secures the US contract - which is precisely why Mrs Thatcher was persuaded to use all her personal powers of persuasion at the White House.

The West Germans have an older, more static battlefield system which, although broadly comparable with

Ptarmigan, is no real competitor. The real competition is from France, whose Rita system is said to be cheaper, thus favoured by those responsible for the army budget in Washington. Rita is also two years older than Ptarmigan and therefore, say its proponents, a more proven operational service. On the other hand Ptarmigan is said to be more flexible and mobile, and with a better range of extra facilities. But no one seriously pretends that there is anything much to choose between Ptarmigan and the French system - which has already been bought by Belgium.

In the end it might be the political considerations which nudge the Pentagon towards its decision. Does the White House upset the French, already difficult allies - and also no doubt annoy Congress - by accepting the more expensive tender? Or does it risk angering Mrs Thatcher and forfeiting her admittedly conditional support for Star Wars? Plessey, with several thousand jobs at risk, anxiously awaits the decision.

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Can Owen woo the true blue-collar?

In a remarkable display of political metaphysics, the Social Democrats have debated their True Nature. Is their party the rightful claimant to the best traditions of Labour, or is that an unhelpful self-description? The debate on Tuesday was on a motion whose mover swore his motion whose mover swore his assurance cut no ice with Owen's more combative friends. They saw it as another blow struck by the Jenkinsites who, unlike Owen, want the SDP and the Liberals to get even closer together, and eventually to merge.

One reason for maintaining a separate identity is the belief that the SDP, with its roots in a deflection of Gaiskellites from Labour, would be a better magnet to attract Labour voters than the Liberals. One might, therefore, have supposed that the Owenites would have welcomed a motion which, while criticizing the leadership for "relying" too much on (Tory) "protest voters", wanted it to appeal more to Labour's traditional values and voters by presenting a more "caring" approach.

But no. Code (in the contemporary misuse of the word) is code, and the motion was taken as a tilt at Owen and his previous emphasis on "tough" (that is, realistic) economic attitudes. The conference therefore adopted a compromise amendment calling for a more classless, non-racist, more equal and radical society, as well as a change in presentation.

The debate had been a wrestle with words and meanings in which every person defined the words to suit himself. Was it a left-of-centre party and what did the words mean? Did it "spring from the traditions of Attlee and Gaiskell" or was it "something quite new"? If it claimed the traditional Labour values, might not Tobin misapprehensions now had no meaning for most Social Democrats. They wanted their values to be new. But how these values are to be described and how the SDP is to beckon Labour voters, the party does not quite know. What it does know is that it is doing badly on the council estates and in the inner cities, where it is perceived as being anti-union. There is some dispute

about whether rank-and-file trade unionists really see the SDP as anti-union or whether this is simply what the union bosses tell them. It is probably a bit of both.

When the SDP talks about appealing to traditional Labour values, what it really means is whether rank-and-file trade unionists will shut it, and how far it can be perceived as moderate Labour's heir. In other words, the metaphysics were about the party's image. The SDP can take seats from the Tories but what can it take from Labour? Does it have a separate role as a magnet for these votes?

Roy Jenkins does not think that the British people have room in their hearts for more than three main party groups. I am not so sure. Under PR (and without the German 5 per cent rule, which would probably be inoperable here) there might be room for any number. Indeed you could argue that where there are only three parties, the third will be squeezed, as in Germany with the Free Democrats, to the point of extinction. Holding to only three parties under PR is a distinctly artificial idea.

There is, however, no point in speculating on the incalculable consequences of PR. The job of the Social Democrats, and their allies, is to get a share of power so as to bring it about. Which every allowance is made for the new politics which Owen described yesterday, that must mean in some sense replacing Labour as the main "radical" force? Can that be done?

In Britain (despite the appearances of the last 60 years) there is no unbreakable two-party structure, even under existing electoral law. Parties rise and fall in response either to great issues (the Corn Laws, or Home Rule) or because the existing parties no longer accommodate social change (the replacement of the Liberals by Labour earlier this century). There is no great issue now but there is social change of the kind that is symbolised by Eric Hammond's electricians union and the AUEW, to both of which Owen alluded yesterday.

If the members of such unions, increasingly associated with middle-class personal attitudes, who will have to be a major SDP target, if Owen and his friends get the political leverage of which he spoke yesterday, it will be because social change has provided it. Many of their attitudes, new politics notwithstanding, have a Gaiskellite basis. There is a strong attachment still to agreed planning: to the ideal of "equality". But there are also differences.

The planning (in theory) now leaves more room for a competitive enterprise society: the old middle-class patronising obsession with engineered equality, the hallmark of Gaiskellism, is generally less evident because so much more equality has come naturally. Mrs Williams still speaks the old language: Owen's is significantly newer. For the Alliance to win the balance of power, a rapidly changing society will have to be convinced that it really is speaking a new language, and is not just the old Gaiskell-Jenkins-Crosland recipe dressed up.

moreover... Miles Kington

In training for wider horizons

"Being a railway guard has taught me more about life than I ever expected to know," said the soft-spoken man with the silver spectacles. "I have explored the philosophies of the East, seen the mysteries of life and death, and learnt how a penknife is put together. I have also picked up some Russian and Spanish, and seen the dawn come up over Dawlish."

"How can this be, O silver-spectacled guard?" I said wonderingly. "I thought that as a railway guard your function was restricted to inspecting people's tickets and asking them for more money. How can this teach you the truth about life?"

He permitted himself a brief smile. "It is true that I walk through the carriages inspecting the pieces of paper and card that the company has issued to the passengers, but this is only the outward form of what I do. Remember too that I am in 100mph between great British cities, people with problems who have problems make my education."

"Perhaps this conversation would be more interesting," I said, "if you could turn from the general to specific, O silver-sidedburn sage."

"Certainly, squire. Not so very long ago I found a family of seven Asians in first-class accommodation having themselves in their own language. It turned out that they were in the middle of Ramadan, when Muslims may not eat between the hours of dawn and dusk. It also turned out that our buffet was due to close at Didcot, precisely when dusk started, and they felt aggrieved by this fact. During the ensuing discussion, I found out a great deal about Islam, something about the way sandwiches are prepared on Pakistani railways, and a few phrases in Urdu."

"That is a great deal for one conversation," I said admiringly. "Certainly, I also found out that they had second-class tickets. This discussion."

We were seated, he and I, in a second-class coach of a train from Plymouth to London. It had stood stationary for 15 minutes somewhere in Wiltshire, which had given him the time for a chat with me. The sun came in low across the downs.

"In parts of Russia," said the guard, "the sun lies this low all day. This means that many Russian cars have the sun-visor attached to the windscreen not at the top, as we do, but at the bottom. This I learnt from a tiny Russian who, when I asked for his ticket, offered me a box of Russian champagne, or as I once learnt from a lawyer specializing in brand names, champagne-methods-type sparkling wine."

"Did you accept it in lieu of a ticket?"

"I did not. He then produced a Russian student rail pass and taught me the Russian for 'You scratch my back, and the wolf will never come to the door.'"

He said something in Russian, presumably the unwieldy proverb in question, and we sat in silence for a while.

"The thing is, you see," said the silver-toothed guard, "that if you have 400 people on one train, the odds are that one of them will be suicidal, one will be heavily pregnant, one will be speaking a language you have never heard before and one will have behind a bag full of government secrets."

Then his expression changed slightly and he asked to see my ticket. I showed it to him.

"You are travelling on a first-class ticket, sir," he said softly, "yet you are in second-class accommodation. How is this?"

"First-class is full of businessmen dictating letters for their secretaries. I stammered, 'but second-class is half empty. Surely you would not begrudge me...?'"

"I would not, sir, except that so far you have told me nothing I did not know already."

It was quite true. So far I had done nothing to satisfy the guard's lust for knowledge. I gave him my 10-minute lecture on the role of the banjo in early jazz. He indicated he had heard it all before. I told him Raymond Chandler's theory about the length of sideburns on deceased males. It was not new to him. I showed him how to fix a postage stamp on the ceiling while sitting in your chair.

"That is a new one on me, sir," he said admiringly. "This has not been a wasted voyage after all."

He left me, and walked on.

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THE DOCTOR'S PARTY

Dr David Owen broke new stylistic ground with his speech at the end of the Social Democrats' Conference yesterday. His manner was reasoned rather than rhetorical; candid and confident rather than hortatory. He offered a new kind of politics, and approaches which, by trying to reconcile conflicting but none the less reasonable positions, will appeal to many voters.

Thus on social services he spoke (with particular reference to the plight of the elderly) of the need to get resources to people who really need them, a criterion which Mrs Thatcher would not reject. He spoke of reconciling economic growth and prosperity with some "green" ideas to meet the anxieties of people (he undoubtedly included many Tories) about what he called the rape of the countryside. On defence he made the point he most wants to ram home: that if Britain wants to have influence with the United States it will not more be achieved by kicking them out of bases here which they have had since the war than it would be by slavish acquiescence to every jot and tittle of American policy. Dr Owen's new slogan, Fairness and Firmness, is also an improvement on Tough but Tender.

Yet the theoretically reasoned and reasonable approach of SDP politics does not necessary betoken plausibility in the real political world. That much was evident from the most interesting of Dr Owen's policy passages dealing with incomes policy. How, he asked, do you fuel demand to create economic expansion (as the SDP intends to do) without the inflation which destroys living standards? In answer to his own question he insisted that he did not want to "have to introduce" statutory restraint of wages.

He hopes to achieve voluntary restraint through partnership and co-operation with management and unions. But he would have a statutory incomes policy as a reserve power should co-operation not be forthcoming, and this policy would be in the form of an inflation tax on employers who paid too much. Dr Owen's justification is that this would be a way of not having to go back to deals with trade union barons, and it is arguable that an inflation tax is the least conceptually foolish kind of incomes policy.

Even so, it is fraught with administrative difficulties, is probably too easily dodged in the private sector and, of course, does not touch the public sector where, in the event of a more inflationary climate caused by lax monetary policy, the government's chief difficulties would lie. Moreover, as a reserve power, it would presumably come into operation only when inflation had started, the hardest time to get such a policy going.

Like so much more in Alliance policy, such squaring of circles is superficially attractive but may well lose its bloom when the harsh searchlight of public attention is concentrated on it. Still, the reasonable demeanour of Alliance policies is a formidable weapon, and in the past few days at Torquay the SDP has looked much more like a real and cohesive party. Its members are speaking one language; they look less like refugees from other parties and on all sides it is accepted that references back to Labour values are out. Despite the handicap of a divided leadership, and underground differences between the allies, the ambition of the Alliance to hold the parliamentary balance at least after the next election is certainly much more than a fantasy.

Dr Owen believes that with the majority of voters now convinced that there would be no overall majority in the next Parliament, the idea that an Alliance vote was wasted is dead. The most compelling passage of his speech yesterday insisted that a no-majority parliament would not be a "hung" parliament, but a "negotiating" parliament, ushering in a new and publicly appealing kind of politics. The idea that the other parties would not negotiate would not work; the Alliance would talk first with the one with the largest number of seats, then with the other. If neither would talk, the Alliance would vote them down.

Dr Owen is constitutionally correct in describing as nonsense the claim of other parties to have the Prime Minister simply if they were the largest single group. A potential Prime Minister must be able to show that he or she can command a majority in the House of Commons, and Dr Owen was right to say that it is possible for the Queen to decide that she could only create a Prime Minister who had such a majority. He cited the case of Lord Home in 1963.

This constitutional scenario for a hung parliament is a credible one, and it may even attract votes. But to achieve this situation, the Alliance must first win the balancing position - and that, when policies come to be exposed and probed in an election campaign, may be harder than it now appears at the end of an undeniably successful party conference for the Social Democrats. If their policies do not withstand scrutiny they will not simply coast to victory because the public dislikes and distrusts one of the older parties and for the moment at least has become bored and disenchanted with the other.

POOR FARE FOR PEACOCK

According to its initial submission to the BBC, the Committee is conducting a commendable range of research into the future problems of British broadcasting. It is investigating the potential growth in advertising, in sponsorship, and in subscription techniques. It would like to know whether any programmes appeal to so specific a part of the total audience as to justify special advertising rates or other financial support. In its opening remarks to Professor Peacock, published yesterday, the BBC offers for later in the year "a thorough review of the services it should in future provide for the public".

It is rather odd therefore that the BBC should have not waited for the results of this research before reaching its conclusion, that "its historic claim to the income from a general licence fee" remains intact. It accepts that there has been some "loss of confidence in the long-term durability of the licence fee system". But its reaction is "to clarify and restate a strategy that can carry into the 21st Century". Restatement is high on the BBC agenda: rethinking is not. Indeed, although the expanded evidence (with all the new research results?) is promised to the Committee before Christmas, reference to this "future strategy" are to be made only "as appropriate".

It cannot of course have been easy for the BBC to prepare this submission to a Committee which it did not want and whose supporters it is still trying to discredit. The Corporation had somehow to show to the public that its mind is not closed without admitting to Professor Peacock that it might ever have been wrong. In neither respect is yesterday's document very convincing.

The BBC clings to the formula that the BBC and public service broadcasting - like love and marriage - are inseparable. "Its use of public money" the BBC claims "should be governed by the fundamental criteria which it (four italics) has established over the years." There is no sign here that any of the BBC's new research will concern other interpretations of what public service broadcasting might be, what might be the limitations and how it might be paid for. There is no sign of any open mind at all. Corporate defensiveness and pessimism prevail. The possibility that a freer market for broadcasting might actually generate some economic activity gets short shrift at Broadcasting House.

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'Shock horror' reporting at Westminster

From Mr William Wallace

Sir, May I offer you the revelation, as astounding as my earlier (unintended) (Report, September 7) revelation that the Liberal Party has no experience of national government, that Neil Kinnock is the most inexperienced leader of the Labour Party in terms of government office since Ramsay MacDonald, and that after the next election only a minority of his senior colleagues will have any experience of national government?

Changes of government in Britain are rarely well planned for. The secrecy of our political system places obstacles in the way of oppositions higher than those found in any other mature democracy. Successive governments have stumbled into errors within their first six months, as they discovered the gulf between opposition hopes and governmental possibilities, and have then struggled to correct them throughout their remaining term of office.

My Standing Committee paper paid some attention to the experience of the Labour Government of 1964, and the current Conservative Government (in spite of its more extensive preparatory work) in 1979-80. A shift to multi-party government, without changing the ways in which governments are

formed and operate, would make current propensities towards fumbling worse. The subtle but progressive politicization of the upper reaches of Whitehall raises other awkward issues for any incoming government.

These are serious questions, which deserve to be discussed by all concerned with the good government of Britain, of whatever party or none. It is part of what is wrong with our political system, and with the concentration of political journalism on the obsessive world of Westminster, that attempts to anticipate and plan for the problems of government which may follow from the outcome of the next election are smothered in a blanket of "shock horror" reporting and partisan sniping. There are, after all, some very important issues at stake.

There is something wrong, too, with the standards of a newspaper which runs as its first page lead a story derived from Channel 4's selective and tendentious press release.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM WALLACE
(Vice-Chairman,
Liberal Party Standing Committee),
34 St James's Drive,
Wandsworth Common, SW17,
September 11.

Diet and heart disease

From Dr P. H. Kidner and Dr A. L. McNair

Sir, It was with considerable interest that we read in *The Times* (August 31) Professor Michael Oliver's comments regarding the role of dietary fat in the development of coronary heart disease. It has long been our fear that commentators have confused two similar but not necessarily complementary theories.

The lipid hypothesis states that the higher a person's blood cholesterol, the more likely is he to develop coronary heart disease. The evidence for this is strong. The diet-heart hypothesis states that the higher the dietary fat of a patient the more likely is he to develop coronary heart disease. The evidence is weaker and is a matter of considerable dispute.

Yet it is upon this weak and unproven hypothesis that a whole strategy of coronary heart disease prevention has been based. We have never believed in this strategy and most strongly support Professor Oliver.

The recommendation to alter our national diet is based on an unproven hypothesis which may be

totally wrong. Moreover, to be effective it must be employed from childhood. It is unlikely to be of any benefit at all to the current adult population.

A more logical approach would surely be to screen the population for high blood cholesterol levels and other risk factors and to treat these actively, when they are found. Such an approach has the advantage of treating only those at obvious risk, without interference to the rest of the population - the vast majority.

We recommend development of a practical screening programme, possibly based on mobile screening units similar to those found so successful in the detection, treatment and eradication of pulmonary tuberculosis. Funds permitting, we hope soon to have such a prototype vehicle encompassing a screening programme which will be available for testing the screening strategy approach to the prevention of this dread disease.

Yours etc,
P. H. KIDNER,
A. L. MCNAIR,
The St Mary's Coronary Flow Trust,
Waller Cardiac Department,
St Mary's Hospital, W2,
September 10.

A 'tax on morality'

From the President of The National Council of Women of Great Britain

Sir, In her letter to you (August 28), Miss Eleanor Wallis ignores the position of many married women who are not gainfully employed but do not have children eligible for child benefit. Married women who do not seek work outside the home for a wide variety of reasons. Married women should be able to make the choice of whether or not to take paid employment according to their individual circumstances without being penalised by the tax system as they are at present.

The figures given by Sarah Hogg

(August 9) show how much fairer the tax system would be with transferred personal allowances for married couples.

The National Council of Women welcomes the Chancellor's proposed changes to the personal taxation of married couples. The council is in favour of higher child benefit but not at the expense of the married woman who is not in paid employment.

Yours sincerely,
MARY MAYNE, President,
The National Council of Women of Great Britain,
34 Lower Sloane Street, SW1,
August 29.

Too many prisoners

From Mr Raymond Blackburn

Sir, *The Times* has drawn attention to Churchill's remarkable actions as Home Secretary in 1910 by publishing an article from the Howard League (August 20) and letters commenting on it (August 26, 27, 31).

In fact he granted remission affecting 11,000 prisoners and in his own words "at a stroke struck 500 years of imprisonment and penal servitude from the prison population". In the year 1909-10 the population of the local prisons and

convict prisons was 21,710. Just over half were affected in what must have been a major exercise in selection.

Churchill claimed on July 20, 1910 that "no evil results of any kind followed from this". He seems to have been anticipating what would happen. In the year 1910-11 the same prison population declined from 21,710 to 20,291 and then in the year 1910-11 from 20,291 to 18,989.

Your faithfully,
RAYMOND BLACKBURN,
50 Homfield Road,
Chiswick, W4.

Religion in Nepal

From Dr G. Scott-Brown

Sir, The constitution of Nepal states that all citizens are free to follow the religion of their forefathers. The Statute Book of Nepal prescribes penalties for conversion: for converting another - six years in jail; for attempting to convert another - three years in jail; for converting oneself - one year in jail.

Thus Statute Book and constitution combine to make a present-day change of religion, whether inspired by someone else or produced by personal reflection to be an offence punishable by a jail sentence.

I worked in Nepal for many years and know personally Nepalis who have been jailed for no other offence than changing their religion. Today there are men under sentence for periods of up to six years for these offences.

The cost of Christian discipleship runs high - loss of inheritance rights, family ostracism, official harass-

ment and jail. These factors prevent people being nominal or rice Christians. Rice Christians go back to their old religion when threatened with real persecution, but the Church in Nepal has proved to be a vital and growing body in spite of considerable hostility.

It is assumed by the Ambassador of Nepal in his letter (September 3) that all converts are rice Christians and all Nepal's Christian ministers "rice emissaries". The vigour and independence of the Church belies this assumption.

The only legal way to be a Christian in Nepal is to have Christian ancestors. If an individual of his own free will decides to go to jail for doing so, in complete disregard of the UN Charter of Human Rights.

Yours faithfully,
G. SCOTT-BROWN,
The Health Centre,
Coxwell Road,
Faringdon,
Oxfordshire.

Lesson from St Francis

From Mr A. L. Bongard

Sir, Thanks to Mrs Thatcher, and now (August 29) Ronald Butt, the prayer of St Francis should be familiar to everybody - to everybody, that is, except St Francis. For he died in 1228, and "his" prayer did not appear until six centuries later, in a French periodical, on the same page as a picture of the saint.

Somehow in the public mind the prayer got attached to the portrait and have been inseparable ever since.

Yours faithfully,
A. L. BONGARD,
9 Castle Court,
Keighley,
West Yorkshire.

Up down, down under

From Mrs L. H. Massey

Sir, Mrs Helen Thornton (September 4) suggests that the British transport authorities should follow the Australian practice of requiring children to make room for adults in buses and trains.

As a child, brought up in Lancashire in the thirties, I remember sitting in a tram looking at my halpenny ticket which bore the following legend:

"This ticket is issued subject to the condition that the holder is not entitled to a seat if seating accommodation is required by adult passengers."

Yours faithfully,
L. H. MASSEY,
20 Orchard Rise, Groombridge,
Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Complexities of raising Titanic

From Mr William Summers

Sir, The current enthusiasm for disturbing the Titanic prompts me to ask three questions of anyone contemplating so complex a project. I was responsible for jackknifing the Mary Rose in 1982, in the relatively calm waters of the Solent. I also happen to be a member of the steelmaking family whose name I bear.

The first question concerns Titanic herself. Steel was in its "early manhood", so to speak, in 1910, and from evidence, the hull suffered disastrous damage in the descent. This would make complete support of the structure necessary, very much as the Mary Rose - but for a 700ft, 40,000-ton item!

The time necessary for the armada of recovery vessels to emplace remotely such a system capable of controlling the ascent of a huge, fragile shell would surely run the risk of storm and indeed icebergs, either during the lift or the laborious tow to shore.

The third question is one of cost. My guess would be over £100 million, and merely to house such a corrosion liability would mop up any conceivable revenue from the most ghoulish of crowds seeking the "echoes of ragtime", and scrap steel fetches only £35 to £40 a ton. Let her rest.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM SUMMERS,
PO Box 3325,
Doha,
Qatar,
September 6.

Moral absolutism

From Professor Charles Fletcher

Sir, The Reverend Francis Gardom appears from his letter of September 9 to hope that when he becomes "an ageing clergyman" his doctor will not be a moral relativist who may think him a nuisance whose life need not be prolonged.

On the other hand, fear above all else that if and when age has deprived me of all that I have enjoyed in life and I am a burden to myself and my family I may have a doctor who, as a moral absolutist, feels he must extend my life with all the means at his disposal. I trust that I will then be cared for by a moral relativist who will help me on my way towards a peaceful death.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES FLETCHER,
24 West Square, SE11,
September 9.

From Dr Kenneth Swinburne

Sir, Your correspondent, the Reverend Francis Gardom, has dropped an Almighty clanger. Archbishop Hubgood's qualifications do extend into the medical field.

Yours sincerely,

KENNETH SWINBURNE,
10 Foxhill Crescent,
Leeds,
West Yorkshire,
September 9.

Fixed v 'flexi' link

From Mr W. B. Hemingway

Sir, I was disappointed but not surprised to learn from your paper today that those with a vested interest in providing the existing freight and passenger services across the English Channel are girding themselves to campaign anew against the construction of a "fixed" link between Britain and France.

You published a letter of mine some ten years ago expressing the view that the English Channel constituted a not unimportant non-tariff barrier to trade between Britain and the rest of Europe, given the over-priced ferry services and the delays at ports with which exporters from the UK have to contend.

In spite of the undoubted improvements that have been made in the meantime, I remain convinced that the existing arrangements remain a serious impediment to the efficient and rapid transport of goods and people between Britain and the rest of a Community with which our fate and our future are - whether we like it or not - ever more inextricably linked.

May I add that if those operating the existing arrangements wish to seek our support for their campaign, they would be well advised to take a leaf out of the book of their counterparts in the Baltic, Goods and people, cars, lorries, railway coaches and wagons are transported, with a minimum of fuss on loading and unloading, on boats which are immensely superior to the rather "tatty" ships of whatever nationality are used on the Channel, and at a fraction of the scandalously high tariffs practised more or less in "union" by the Channel operators.

On a recent "peak" weekend sailing in August from Denmark to Germany, my wife and I with our car paid the equivalent of just under £24 for a 3½-hour crossing on a superbly appointed ship. At the same time of that day, the journey from Dover to Calais would have cost us £83 by Sealink or £84 by Townsend Thoresen.

I venture to hope, Sir, that our Prime Minister will not be misled by the forthcoming campaign of the "flexilinkers", but will take a bold decision in favour of a "fixed" link, and thereby aim our country firmly in the direction of the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,

W. B. HEMINGWAY,
Robijnlaan 6,
1900 Overijse,
Belgium,
August 29.

ON THIS DAY

SEPTEMBER 12 1904

In 1903 Lord Curzon, viceroy of India sent Colonel (later Sir Francis) Younghusband (1863-1942) to Kampa Dzong to confer with representatives of China and Tibet concerning trade and frontier problems. The mission failed, but continued into Tibet and after some resistance by the Tibetans reached Lhasa, on August 3 1904, from where the Dalai Lama had fled. Without instructions from England Younghusband negotiated a treaty; its terms were later disapproved by the Government in London.

THE MISSION TO LHASA.

COLONEL YOUNGHUSBAND'S ADDRESS.

LHASA, SEPT. 6, via Gyantse, SEPT. 9.

The treaty, which was sealed on the 4th inst. by the Regent in the presence of Colonel Younghusband and the Chinese Amban, is considered binding, but there is to be another function in the Potala to-morrow, conducted with all formality and attended by a quaint ceremonial.

The Tibetans, having accepted the British terms, were most anxious to have the treaty signed on the 4th, both on account of the daily increasing indomity and because the astrologers, who live in a magnificent palace near the Potala, declared that the date was particularly lucky. To-morrow is another lucky day for the second formality. The Tibetans say that they would never have opposed the British if they had realized that the latter were so civilized, powerful, and rich.

Outside the Potala stands a Chinese pillar, erected to commemorate Chinese suzerainty over Tibet. A similar pillar is to be set up to perpetuate the treaty with Great Britain.

At the signature of the treaty to-day there were present Colonel Younghusband and staff.

The road leading up to the Potala was lined with troops. The Potala, like so many places in Lhasa, proved to be a dingy structure and in poor repair. We ascended a long flight of stone stairs which were much worn, entered a dark gateway, and passed through narrow unlighted passages into a large hall, which was brightly lit from above. Symbolic pictures are painted on the walls and the pillars are painted and carved. Over the throne is a canopy of silk on which dragons are worked, but the hangings are faded and in parts discoloured. Before the formal proceedings were opened the Tibetans had round refreshments, consisting of tea and dried fruits.

Colonel Younghusband then said that he understood that the Tibetans were willing to sign the treaty. The councillors notified their assent, and the treaty was thereupon read aloud by an interpreter, after which the seals were affixed to the document by the councillors. The Abbots of three monasteries, and the Amban, Colonel Younghusband then signed the treaty itself, which is written in English, Tibetan, and Chinese on one enormous sheet of paper. The Tibetans objected for superstitious reasons to signing any document consisting of more than one sheet. As there were five copies of the treaty to be signed and sealed the process took a long time. The waiting apparently tried the patience of the monks, who at first had sat or stood silently in the deepest abstraction. They now started about the hall, smiling and laughing in the faces of the British officers, eating nuts and dried fruit, and scattering the shells and kernels on the floor.

After the signing and sealing had been completed the present took their seats again, and Colonel Younghusband made the following speech which was listened to with the deepest attention: "The Convention has been signed and we are now at peace. The misunderstanding of the past is over, and a basis has been laid for mutual good relations in future. In the Convention the British Government have been careful to avoid interfering in the smallest degree with your religion. They have annexed no part of your internal affairs, and have fully recognized the continued suzerainty of the Chinese Government. They have merely sought to ensure that you abide by the treaty made by the Amban in 1890."

"The treaty which has now been made I promise you on behalf of the British Government we will rigidly observe, but I also warn you that we shall as rigidly enforce it. Any infringement of it will be severely punished to the end. Any obstruction of trade and disrespect or injury to British subjects will be noticed and reparation exacted. We treat you well when you come to India. We do not take a single step in Customs duty from your merchants. We allow any of you to travel and reside wherever you will in India. We preserve the ancient buildings of the Buddhist faith, and we expect that when we come to Tibet we should be treated with no less consideration and respect than we show to you in India. You have found us bad enemies when you have not observed treaty obligations and have shown disrespect to the British Raj. You will find us equally good friends if you keep the treaty and show us civility."

"Through Reuter's Agency."

Pigeons in the tube

From Mr Brian Walsh

Sir, Not only do London's pigeons enjoy an unsuspected level of intelligence but perhaps they can also read.

Did not London Transport advertise the line to Heathrow as "Fly the Tube"?

Yours faithfully,

BRIAN WALSH,
Barge Richard,
The Lock,
Beverly,
N. Humber-side,
September 10.

From Mr I. T. Collinson

Sir, Passenger pigeons?

Yours faithfully,

I. T. COLLINSON,
15 Fontoise Close,
Sevenoaks,
Kent,
September 10.

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FOREIGN EXCHANGES

partly reflecting the different priorities of the buffer stock manager, but coffee and cocoa ended the day higher. Once again, it was the financials which started the new Liffe short-gilt futures fulfilling its promise of Tuesday.

ZINC STANDARD		Nov	\$104.85	\$104.74
22.50-121.50	Cash	Dec	\$108.40	\$108.50
22.50-122.50	Vol	Jan	\$111.35	\$111.35
22.70-123.30	Tone	Feb	\$114.60	\$114.33
22.80-123.40	Quot	Mar	\$117.25	
ZINC HIGH GRADE				
22.80-126.00	Cash	Apr		
30.00-128.00	Three months	May		
32.00-129.00	Vol	June		
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243.00-42.75	Cash	460.0-461.0
240.25-60	Three months	473.0-474.0
237.50-90	Vol	33
234.25-26	Tone	Outlet
231.50-30.50	SILVER SMALL	
225.00-22.5	Cash	480.0-481.0
219.00-17.00	Three months	473.0-474.0
215.00-208.00	Vol	Nil

LONDON MEAT FUTURES EXCHANGE Live Pig Contract			
	p. per lot		
Month	Open	Close	
Sep	1020.0	1020.0	
Oct	1120.0	1120.0	
Nov	1120.0	1120.0	

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Ltd. report	Vol	196				
	Tone	Steadier				
			Month	Open		Close
			Oct	1135.0		1135.
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			Jun	1023.0		1009.

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2 per tonne	
Month	Open
Nov	565.00
Feb	675.00
Apr	811.50
May	876.00

9189-9190	ave. prices, 84.09p (-0.25).		
9150-9155	Sheep nos. down 23.3 per cent.		
655	ave. price, 144.27p (-0.92).		
Steadier	Pig nos. down 12.8 per cent, ave.		
	price, 81.88p (+3.12).		
	Scotland:		
9189-9190	Cattle nos. down 16.1 per cent,		
9150-9155	ave. price, 84.09p (-0.21).		
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BALTIC FREIGHT INDEX			
G.N.L. Freight Futures Ltd report			
\$10 per index point			
	High/Low	Close	
Oct 85	847.0-853.0	840.0	840.0
Jan 86	849.0-860.0	848.0	852.0

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	Alliance	\$35	@	-	23.7	2.1	--	204	Globe

45	Amer Trust	127	●	4.3	3.4	--	276	220	Grainham Inc
46	Ang Amer Banc	271	●	8.1	3.0	--	164	138	Hambors
47	Ashdown	125	●	10.8	3.8	--	257	225	Hill (P)
48	Atlantic Assets	105	●	9.3	8.4	--	216	165	Invest In Success
49	Bankers	93	●	3.5	2.6	--	225	208	Lot
50	Bany	186	+1	1.4	0.9	--	82	40*	Japan Assets
51	Bard & Sorn	259	●	4.7	3.0	--	181*	127	Life View
52	Bk America	238	●	10.8	4.8	--	161	182	Low Debtors
53	Br Assets	51*	●	8.5	3.5	--	88	55	Mar West Coast
54	Brkch Inc	341	●	20.3	6.0	--	88	69	Lot

72	Brunner	73	+4	3.1	4.3	...	96	86	Merchants
74	Charter Agency	918		3.2	4.7	...	174	135	Monks
76	Combit	61	-2	23.6	4.1	...	121	106	Murray Income
78	Crescent Japan	130		1.1	0.9	...	124	116	Murray Group
80	Delta	380				...	134	112	Murray Int
82	Derby Inc	104		10.9	10.5	...	189	183	Murray Smith
84	Do Corp	104				...	252	255	Murray Venture
86	Dynegy	286		13.4	4.8	...	300	354	New
88	Dynegy Fr East	122	●	1.6	1.3	...	17	11	New
90	Dynegy Japan	572	+2	2.6	1.0	...	379	169	Oil

33	Dynasty Premier	414	●	27.76	5.0	...	493	37	Netflix Inc. US
34	Orlando Loo	172	●	78.49	...	...	243	157	New York
35	Edgar Allan Poe	165	●	0.5	0.0	...	384	267	...
36	Edinburgh	113	●	4.19	3.6	...	232	135	Hot Atlantic Sea
37	Blackfish Dam	278	●	5.1	1.9	...	280	234	Hot Air
38	English Int	120	●	5.0	4.2	...	130	128	Outback
39	English Sport	75	●	1.0	2.4	...	161	86	Pacific Assets
40	Envirom	131	●	3.0	3.4	...	43	33	Do Wins
41	F & C Alliance	121	●	2.4	3.0	...	66	62	Pacific Assets
42	F&C Pacific	82	●	5.4	4.1	...	340	282	Frontier

12	Family	222	...	12.9	5.1	...	138	125	Peter & Marc
13	First Coast Area	288	...	11.5	...	...	256	199	Peter Pate
14	Fla.	157	...	7.3	...	...	182	186	Robeco
15	Flamingo American	457	...	7.5	1.5	...	171	170	Romney
16	Flamingo Glen	278	...	12.8	4.5	...	367	226	Romney
17	Flamingo Enterprise	263	...	...	...	...	111	10	Rosario
18	Flamingo Far East	...	...	1.4	1.5	...	113	95	St Andrews
19	Flamingo	110	...	3.8	3.2	...	226	226	Spanish
20	Flamingo Japan	419	...	5.7	1.4	...	232	211	St. American
21	Flamingo Mercantile	113	...	4.3	3.8	...	247	73	St. Eastern

Planning Overseas	108	0	3.3	3.7	...	943	246	Son Mige
Planning Tech	133	0	3.3	2.7	...	405	294	Son Net
Planning Universal	288	0	7.1	1.5	...	133	133	Son Net
For Col	65	0	2.0	3.2	...	333	354	Son Net
OBIC Capital	95	...	...	...	...	596	500	Second Alliance
OTAPen	112	...	2.0	1.8	...	135	105	See Of Scotland
General Funds	129	0	2.3	2.9	...	75	84	Smaller Cos
General Govt	292	...	14.3	...	...	56	56	Standard Enterprise
Glasgow Stock	118	0	2.5	2.8	...	146	110	...

	Bid	Offer	Chng.	%
Japan	80.1	85.2	..	0.6
Do Accum	81.5	88.7	..	0.8
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146.5	196.8	-1.8	7.75	Do Account	137.5	146.5			
264.7	271.7	-3.3	3.75	Exempt Dist	185.3	185.9			
48.1	51.4	-0.3	8.08	Exempt Comm	277.4	285.9			
32.8	63.0								
118.2	127.2	-0.7	5.94	MIDLAND BANK GROUP UNIT TRUST MANAGERS					
238.1	229.4	-1.2	5.94	Courtwood Hse, Silver St, Mead, Steubenville ST 3RD					
503.1	227.9	-3.3	5.15	97-42 TONKAT					
432.1	453.2	-2.3	5.15	Cash Income	62.7	66.5	-0.8	8.1	
182.7	182.7			Commodity & Gen	83.4	89.0	-1.0	3.6	
146.8	168.7	-0.6	0.76	Commodity & Gen	105.9	114.0	-1.5	3.6	

87.8	95.6	-1.6	1.54	Do Account	148.1	155.1	-0.6	0.6
92.7	100.2	-7.7	1.54	Extra High Inc	48.8	52.8	+0.1	0.7
94.7	94.4	+0.1	0.83	Do Account	59.8	67.6	-1.1	0.7
95.7	91.6	+4.1	1.54	GR & Power Inc	91.1	92.9	-0.1	0.7
106.5	156.6	-4.6	1.52	Do Account	72.8	82.2	+0.2	0.9
191.7	172.9	-0.6	1.52	High Yield	115.9	123.6	-0.5	0.7
136.7	146.2	-1.1	1.49	Do Account	199.0	200.6	-0.8	0.7
190.5	200.7	-1.5	1.49	Income	129.8	136.6	-0.4	0.8
				Do Account	222.9	241.8	-1.4	0.8
				Japan & Pacific	145.3	155.9	+0.1	0.8

	82.5	87.8	-1.0	1.88	do Acorn	151.8	182.0	+0.4	5.3
	114.6	122.0	-1.3	1.88	N American Inc	81.0	87.9	-0.1	1.7
	48.3	59.0	+0.1	4.91	do Acorn	107.4	114.5	-0.1	1.7
	50.9	53.5	+0.2	4.91	Overseas Growth	85.0	85.9	-0.5	1.9
	68.0	72.8	0.0	0.0	do Acorn	104.5	107.7	-0.5	1.2
Dist	70.8	81.5	0.0	0.0	Smaller Cos Inc	78.0	84.4	-0.1	2.8
	70.8	81.5	0.0	0.0	do Acorn	83.0	85.5	-0.1	2.8
	47.1	82.0	-0.7	1.50	MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
	47.5	50.8	0.0	0.0	151, Hope St, Glasgow G2 2LP				
			-0.7	1.50					

Investment	24.2	35.5	-0.5	4.00
Trust	24.2	28.7	-0.3	6.60
Utilities	23.7	25.3	-0.2	1.00
Towers	190.7	202.1	-2.1	2.80

218.7	231.5	-2.4	2.89	Do Account	501.2	536.4	-3.0	3.81
220.0	229.2	-3.7	2.86	Per East Asia	45.3	48.3	-0.1	1.70
225.0	230.0	-3.0	2.36	Do Dist	48.3	48.2	-0.1	1.70
49.7	53.2	-0.9	2.86	Northwest Acc	47.0	50.1	-0.9	3.00
63.3	69.5	-2.5	1.69	Do	47.0	50.1	-0.9	3.00
87.3	87.9	-0.3	1.14	NORTHWEST UNION				
88.4	94.6	-0.3	1.14	PO Box 4, Northwest NRT SW				
117.1	173.1	-0.1	2.61	0003 8222200				
200.1	220.7	-0.6	2.61	Group 2	825.9	874.5	-16.5	4.38
262.4	262.9	-0.1	2.59					

Country	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Germany	247.1	272.5	-2.1	3.15					-0.2
France	158.1	157.4	-0.6	-0.8					-0.2
Japan	297.7	326.3	-3.5	3.74					-0.2
UK	166.1	168.1	-0.7	1.1					-0.2
Canada	119.2	126.3	-1.4	1.8					-0.2
USA	141.8	150.1	-1.1	0.9					-0.2
Spain	164.8	174.5	-1.4	0.95					-0.2
Italy	237.7	257.9	-1.4	1.0					-0.2
Sweden	192.4	196.5	-0.7	1.5					-0.2
Belgium	158.0	164.7	-0.2	1.56					-0.2
Portugal									-0.2
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	2894.3	3053.5	-0.5	3.19	Pacific Growth	39.7	39.5	-0.1	1.10
	4397.0	4393.0	-0.1	3.93	High Income	37.0	37.0	0.0	5.80
	9480.1	10,049.4	-0.1	4.91	Practical Income	41.5	44.2	-0.1	3.30
st	54.0	56.7	0.1	3.86	Do Accout	73.2	77.9	-0.3	5.00
	81.7	83.8	-0.2	3.98	PEARL TRUST				
	40.2	43.7	-0.1	3.17	292, High NetWm, WC19 752				
	45.2	45.5	0.0	3.77	01-025 5441				
inc	225.2	248.3	-1.7	5.41	Growth Fund Inc	62.8	67.9	-0.2	5.16
	518.9	548.7	-4.3	6.41	Do Accout	82.4	90.6	-0.2	5.16

	5667	347.9	-1.8	3.90	Income Fund	90.1	85.8	-1.1	8.58
	5641	1,016.1	-7.5	3.90	Unit Trust Inc	62.7	60.7	-1.1	4.92
Inc	477	90.8			De Azimam	198.5	198.5		
	4207	491.7	+1.2	0.34					
	4082	482.2	+1.5	0.34	PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
	387	98.4	-0.2	0.47	48. Hart Street, Hurdley Co Thames				
Acc	477	90.8			G&S CRESC				
	210.08	10.70	-0.05	4.50	Growth	198.9	200.0	-1.7	5.40
Inc	229.1	208.0	-2.2	3.50	Income	140.8	139.0	-0.7	8.40
	323.2	341.8	-3.1	3.50	Worldwide Pac	105.8	112.4	-0.8	2.20

INC	170.25	18.94	-0.02	2.76	30.4	50.5	-0.1	0.81	
	620.8	557.9	-1.7	2.76					
	803.8	869.5	-2.8	2.78					
INC	340.8	364.3	-2.5	4.85	222	224	-0.9	0.81	
	948.1	1,078.9	-4.5	4.36					
(C)	106.1	107.5	-0.13	11.75	01-347 76447				
(C)	308.0		-1.51	11.78	International	85.3	85.3	-0.7	1.71
(C)	304.4	303.6		7.22	High Income	153.6	142.1	-1.8	5.30
(C)	749.4	751.1		7.22	Low Income	85.6			
(C)				7.22	Top 500	102.9	103.5	-0.7	8.20

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rate	55.6	70.0	-0.2	0.18	Heimann Inc	61.7	65.0	+0.5	2.52
	55.6	70.2	-0.2	0.18	Heimann UK Growth	67.8	67.0	-0.1	3.18
shares	55.6	52.4	+0.1	0.18	Heimann Oil Trust	104.0	101.0	+0.4	7.26
at Met	42.0	44.8	+0.1	2.17	CULLEN MANAGEMENT COMPANY				
	42.0	43.9	-0.1	2.17	31-42 Greenwich St, London EC2E 7UH				
	32.3	35.0	-0.2	2.94	01-460 4777				
	44.0	47.5	-0.2	2.74	Quamport General	225.4	245.2	..	3.70
of the	44.0	42.2	..	1.83	Quamport Income	130.2	131.5	..	3.49
	41.3	42.2	..	1.83	Quamport Ind Pl	299.5	293.2	..	5.69

MANAGEMENT		Quadrant Recovery		2013	214.5 c	2.85
ING PLAT, Malindi, Ken ME14 100						
NE RUTCHILL ASSET MANAGEMENT 31 Swinton Lane, London EC2P 4DU 01-209 8485						
25.8	27.3 s	-0.4	2.74	NC American Inc.	227.1	236.0 s
37.3	39.3	-0.2	1.94	DO Account	344.3	357.7 w
25.8	23.6 s	+1	10.82	NC Energy Inc.	105.5	105.5
35.1	31.9 s	-0.1	6.26	NC Energy Inc.	65.5	65.5
MANAGEMENT 155.8 171.1 +1.5 2.42						

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FUND MANAGEMENT					
Wiley Wilkins SLSA					
Tot Exp Inc	45.8	48.0	**	6.92	
	77.5	89.6	**	8.92	
	114.8	128.3	**	9.39	
	198.3	201.4	**	4.29	
ROYAL LIFE FUND MANAGEMENT					
New Hall Funds, Liverpool LRP-340					
081-557-4222					

1987	110.7	110.3	-0.9	4.94
MD				
1987	102.4	101.5	-1.1	1.99
1987	95.4	95.5	-1.2	1.39
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OTHER STERLING RATES		DOLLAR SPOT RATES	
Argentina austral*	1,0440-1,0520	Ireland	1.0560-1.0570
Australia dollar	1.9300-1.9360	Singapore	2.2970-2.3030
Bahian d'r	0.4880-0.4920	Australia	0.8720-0.8760
Brazil centavo	27.8210-27.8250	Canada	0.7130-0.7170
Brazil cruzeiro	0.7390-0.7390	Canada	0.7130-0.7170
Burmese kyat	3.1000-3.1040	Denmark	8.9500-8.9510
Philippine peso	10.0000-10.0050	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Sri Lanka rupee	15.00-15.23	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Hong Kong dollar	0.9150-0.9210	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Indo rupee	16.00-16.23	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Indo dollar	0.3770-0.3810	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Kuwait dirham (KD)	0.3870-0.4010	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Malaysia dollar	3.2210-3.2250	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Malay pen	4.6010-4.6050	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
New Zealand dollar	1.0510-1.0530	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
India Rupee	2.9800-3.0010	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
Singapore dollar	2.9800-3.0010	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
South Africa rand	2.7545-2.7545	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520
United Arab Emirates dirham	2.7545-2.7545	Denmark	8.9510-8.9520

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Excal. *Lloyds Bank International.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Shares shake off 25% slide in BAT profits

By Derek Pain and Pam Spooner

The 1,000 points mark is losing its psychological significance for the stock market. Yesterday, for the second time within a week, shares tumbled below 1,000 only to bounce back.

Such behaviour can only be calculated to destroy the once cherished importance of the four figure point which was first passed early this year.

It was the shock of a 25 per cent profits slump by BAT Industries which knocked the wind out of prices and at midday the FT 30-share index was fixed at 999.6 points.

But from then onwards the market saw a spirited rally. By the close the index was down just 0.2 points at 1,006.6 points.

Despite the afternoon rise the market remains fragile. Tuesday's money supply figures and their implications for interest rates continue to influence sentiment. Reports, which were later denied, that Sheikh Yamani, the Saudi Arabian oil minister, had died created ripples of unease.

The one cheerful factor was a non-event. Fears that BTR would make a massive profits issue with its figures proved unfounded. In fact, BTR declared that it had no plans for a rights cash call. Its shares rose 13p to 350p.

But BAT, the main cause of the market's discomfort, finished 43p down at 278p.

The FT-SE share index ended at 1,002.2 points, down 9.2 points. Earlier it recorded a 16.1 points fall.

Government stocks achieved gains of up to 2% in slack trading.

Drink shares again created much of the equity excitement. Allied-Lyons, where the much smaller Elders conglomerate has signalled a possible 250p-a-

Expect Dee Corporation, the acquisitive supermarket group, to announce a significant takeover soon, but not in the grocery business. Shares of the Gateway stores group are hovering around their peak at 280p.

share offer, strengthened 5p to 281p and Distillers Co., which is in the sights of Argyle Group, firmed 5p to 393p at one time before settling at 290p.

One story was that the DCL planned a 220p a share offer for Scottish and Newcastle Breweries as a defensive play to obstruct Argyle.

Amid talk that an unidentified buyer was seeking to build up a 4.9 per cent shareholding outside the market in Scottish, the brewer's shares touched 186p, up 10p, at one time. They closed at 181p.

The P&O shipping group started the day with a 2p gain after a favourable investment seminar at Hoare Govett, the broker. The shares closed at 408p, down 2p.

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COMPANY NEWS

IN BRIEF

● **DUBLIER:** The company has sold its subsidiary, Flight Connector Corp of Los Angeles, to Transocean Technology Corp of Sherman Oaks, California, for \$5.22 million (£3.96million) in cash.

● **TRADE INDEMNITY:** An interim dividend of 4.25p (3.75p) is being paid. Premiums written - on the three open underwriting accounts in the first half of 1985 totalled £31.5 million, an increase of 17.5 per cent on the comparable figure for the first half of 1984.

● **ASSOCIATED BERTISH PORTS:** For the first half of this year, with figures in millions of pounds, turnover fell to 66.5 (76.2). Pretax profit was 4 (3.8) and the interim dividend is going up from 3p to 3.5p.

● **BLOCKLEYS:** In the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover was 3,902 (3,418) and pretax profit was 1,023 (760). The interim dividend is being raised from 10p to 10p.

● **BERKELEY AND HAY HILL:** In the half-year to June 30, with figures in £000, turnover was 1,825 (553) and pretax profit was 203 (loss 123).

● **HAYNES PUBLISHING GROUP:** Haynes is paying a final 9p, making 13p (12p) for the year to May 31. With figures in £000, turnover was 9,433 (7,970) and pretax profit was 1,701 (1,374).

● **AURORA:** With figures in £000, sales for the first half of 1985 reached \$5,089 (49,428). Pretax profit was 4,048 (£826).

● **VG INSTRUMENTS:** In the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover reached 28,832 (31,266 restated). Pretax profit was 4,374 (3,436). The interim dividend is being raised from 0.6p to 0.7p.

● **BOUSTED:** In the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover fell to 22,585 (27,421) and pretax profit was 80 (profit 36).

● **NURDIN & PEACOCK:** The interim dividend for the half-year to June 29 was 1.65p (1.36p) with figures in £000, turnover was 33,425 (264,735) and pretax profit 3,989 (£491).

● **SIRDAR:** The final dividend for the year to June 30 is 2.8p making 4.12p (3.25p). With figures in £000, turnover was 36,495 (33,122) and pretax profit reached 9,533 (9,008).

● **DINKIE HEEL:** The interim dividend for six months to June 30 is 0.2 (0.2) which is payable on January 2. With figures in £000, turnover was 961 (994) and pretax profit 10 (55).

● **ATLANTIC COMPUTERS:** For the first half of this year, with figures in £000, turnover was 55,605 (£4,433). Pretax profit was 7,035 (3,826). A one-for-three scrip issue is being made and the interim dividend is held at 0.75p.

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BTR set to keep making money

The BTR profits juggernaut thunders relentlessly on. It is in top gear and there is no sign of it slowing down, let alone stopping. Even the acquisition of Dunlop did not require a gear change, and that company has been hoisted almost effortlessly aboard.

Pretax profits rose to £151 million from £115 million and were comfortably at the top end of analysts' expectations. With speculation about a rights issue proving unfounded, the shares rose 13p to 356p.

However, there was some resistance to buying the shares above 360p, suggesting that there is a suspicion that BTR might seek more funds from its shareholders. With gearing running at around 90 per cent there might seem to be a case for such a move, but Sir Owen Green, BTR's chairman, would disagree. So confident is he of the group's cash-generating capacity in the second half that he believes gearing will be back to 65 per cent by the year end, the same level as at the end of 1984.

This does not necessarily mean that the group will be standing still. BTR has been active in the European money markets, seeking not only some fixed-rate loans to replace existing debt, but also to set up facilities should it need cash in a hurry. If acquisition opportunities arise BTR is not going to miss them through lack of funds.

The first half was generally one of improvement across the board. Only the construction division and financial services division failed to register an increase in operating profits.

Construction stood still and the financial services division, mainly Cornhill, dropped by £1 million to £8 million. Given the disasters which have been reported elsewhere in the insurance industry, even this is not a poor performance.

The biggest improvement came from the consumer-related products division, where

operating profits increased to £39 million from £65 million. There was certainly some benefit from the Dunlop and Nylex acquisitions but not enough to detract from the underlying strength of existing businesses.

It is increasingly difficult to find clouds on the BTR horizon although there must be some worries about South Africa. The company had had labour difficulties which still rumble on, and the political uncertainty has forced postponement of the proposed merger of the BTR and Dunlop subsidiaries there.

Since the move to year-end exchange rates for currency translation purposes there must now be some doubts about the impact on the full-year results. At half time there was only a minimal effect but this could be more pronounced come December.

The stock market is not nearly as sensitive to change as its volatility suggests. A case in point is Costain, where the transformation from dreary construction company into a well spread group taking in coal mining, house building and property development has gone largely unnoticed.

The first important expansion in coal mining took place in 1982 and by the end of the following year production was running at 10 million tonnes a year. Soon it will be up to 18 million tonnes, with most of the increase taking place in America. Profits do not move exactly in line with output but they should nevertheless jump from last year's £12 million to nearer £20 million next year.

House building has also grown very quickly, with completions rising from 400 or so in 1982 to a projected 1,700 this year. Profits have grown even faster and looks set to continue upwards.

Similarly the property portfolio has doubled in value over the last four years to about £130 million. Profits from property sales have jumped to an annual rate of between £10 million and £15 million.

The cost of this expansion has restricted profits growth. Indeed, interim profits would actually have fallen but for the property disposal. Including these, the company made £24.8 million before tax in the latest six months, up from £17.3 million.

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2	Amoco			12	Williams Ridge		22	Eurotherm	
3	Diploma			13	Seaview		23	Amrad	
4	IBA			14	Westland		24	Fluor	
5	Decca			15	Sleight		25	Fluor	
6	Brown & Tilt			16	Wor		26	Electronic Mach	
7	AGB Research			17	Stentley		27	Thom EMI	
8	Barrow Haque			18	Watson (R. K. & Co)		28	CAP Gy	
9	Decca & Met 'A'			19	Victors		29	Outboard Instruments	
10	Brammer			20	Electricals		30	Contap	
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13	Seaview			23	Amrad		33	Nation	
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15	Sleight			25	Fluor		35	Laird	
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17	Stentley			27	Thom EMI		37	Manchester Ship	
18	Watson (R. K. & Co)			28	CAP Gy		38	MS Int	
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1985 High Low Stock Price Change % P/E

BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

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STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Late recovery

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Sept 2. Dealings End, Sept 13. Contango Day, Sept 16. Settlement Day, Sept 23.
\$ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

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10.00	9.50	Decca & Met 'A'	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Brammer	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
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10.00	9.50	Williams Ridge	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
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10.00	9.50	Westland	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Sleight	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
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10.00	9.50	Stentley	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Watson (R. K. & Co)	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Victors	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5

BUILDING AND ROADS

1985 High	1985 Low	Company	Price	Change	%	P/E
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10.00	9.50	Diploma	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	IBA	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Decca	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	Brown & Tilt	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
10.00	9.50	AGB Research	10.00	0.50	5.0	12.5
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FINANCE AND LAND

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

Hunting Gate fills top job amid talk of flotation

By Judith Huntley

Hunting Gate, the private property and housebuilding company, has finally found a new chief executive in Mr John Redgrave, former chairman of Walter Lawrence, which he brought to the market in 1975.

Mr Redgrave takes over as managing director, a post vacated by Mr Danny Desmond in 1983 after board disagreements. Mr Redgrave was offered the post last October, but felt unable to accept it for what he described as emotional reasons. He now says he realized his mistake only hours after agreeing to stay on with Walter Lawrence. It has taken him

another year to come to Hunting Gate where he plans to bring a new sense of direction. The biggest question mark over Hunting Gate's future is whether a part of the company will be floated off. Mr Frederick Bandet, who, with his family, controls 80 per cent of the company, is adamant that "what we have we hold".

However, this view may not be shared by the younger generation of Bandets now edging their way into day-to-day management at Hunting Gate. The prime candidate for a flotation would be Hunting Gate's housebuilding arm, Hunting Gate Homes.

The group considered going public in 1981 but this was rejected because of internal

disagreements. Mr Redgrave says that a flotation was not part of his brief from Mr Bandet, and that Hunting Gate will always be regarded as a family company.

He says, however, that if interest rates continue to fall the company may use the opportunity to increase its gearing. Borrowings are now being financed with long-term money but the company is able to finance only small schemes at the moment with larger developments being institutionally pre-funded.

Mr Redgrave is reviewing Hunting Gate's activities and thinks the time may be right to build more traditional industrial space.

Prime City site for Greycoat

Greycoat City Offices has bought the head leasehold interest in 62-64 Cornhill, the City building occupied by Richard Ellis, the rival firm of estate agents, from the Toronto Dominion Bank which is moving to Tricorn Court in Finsbury Square.

Greycoat will not disclose how much it has paid for the bank's 24 year interest but it is only the first step in what could be a very valuable City asset for the developer and for other interests in the building.

Greycoat is negotiating with the freeholder, the Merchant Taylors Company and with the under-lessee, Commercial Union, over a long-term development on the site.

The building, which has 40,000 sq ft, is in a conservation area although not listed, and is regarded as yet to test the City's planning waters as to what will be allowed on the site. Ideally, the developer would like to demolish the building and put up a new one but it may also undertake a reconstruction behind the facade. At the very least it will give Greycoat a banking hall in one of the City's best positions.

The Prudential wants to refurbish the office space which is part of its 700,000 sq ft Uxbridge town centre scheme. In West London, at a cost of £12 million. The insurance company has applied to the London borough of Hillingdon for permission to increase the amount of office space at Uxbridge, bringing the total in the three buildings to 200,000 sq ft gross. This latest plan forms the second stage of the Prudential's facilities for the Uxbridge shopping and office centre.

The retail element of the scheme, which covers 7.5 acres, has already received planning permission for upgrading. It includes a supermarket, six large stores and 80 shops. It will be managed by the Pavilions. With its advisers Knight Frank & Rutley, the Pru is talking to tenants in its office buildings about the planned refurbishment.

The insurance company spent nearly £14 million restructuring the lease at Uxbridge with the council, and now has a 150-year lease at a peppercorn rent. The leases on the office buildings come to an end in two years. KFR, the letting agent, is hoping that Uxbridge's proximity to the M25 motorway will see office rents rise after refurbishment.

Offer for Pennine portfolio

Pennine Property Unit Trust, 74 per cent of whose pension fund unit-holders voted to put the trust into liquidation, looks set to sell the whole of Pennine's industrial property portfolio, which is located entirely in the hard-hit Midlands and North.

The portfolio value has consistently fallen as the capital and rental values of its properties suffered from the recession and the lack of demand for space. It is believed that a private investor, rather than a fund or a property company, is offering to pay close to the value of the portfolio for the properties.

Debenhams Tewson & Chinn, the estate agent, has valued the portfolio at £5.8 million at May 31 this year, compared with £9.66 million 12 months earlier.

The annual meeting on Tuesday was adjourned and it is understood there will be an extraordinary meeting at the end of the month to vote on the proposed sale.

NFC expects £8m scheme to be prelet

NFC Properties, the property arm of the National Freight Consortium, a highly successful management buy-out, is confident that it can prelet most of its 100,000 sq ft retail development at Colwyn Bay in Wales. The company has already let 35,000 sq ft to Safeway Food stores and a 15,000 sq ft unit is under offer.

The £8 million project is being financed by NFC Properties itself, and it expects to keep the scheme in its investment portfolio. A further phase of 60,000 sq ft is planned if the first phase is prelet but that will not be kept in the portfolio.

The five-acre site was bought from British Rail Property Board for about £160,000.

NFC Properties, run by Mr Henry Lyons, is primarily a trading company, but certain schemes will be retained as long-term investments providing a valuable asset base for the National Freight Consortium.

NFC Properties is now one of the largest developers of non-food retail warehouses in the country with 23 such schemes worth about £46 million under

its belt by the year end.

NFC Properties wants to develop retail warehouse parks where it sees potential for capital and rental growth, and at least one will be held as an investment.

Having realized the potential of much of the massive NFC land bank, it is in danger of running out of land, and is about to go into the market for property.

Money for this and for development is to come from First Interstate Capital Markets UK in the shape of £10 million of short-term money.

Each project that it wants to undertake will have to obtain bank blessing and there are no guarantees from the parent company.

That raises interesting questions about its future. It would be a prime candidate for a flotation apart from the parent company, which has to decide whether or not it will launch itself in the stock market in 18 months. Opinion on both counts appears to be divided at NFC.



Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Ordinary Shares and the 8 per cent. Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2005 of the Company, issued and to be issued, to be admitted to the Official List.

THE NATIONAL HOME LOANS CORPORATION plc

(Registered in England under the Companies Act 1948 to 1981 Registered Number 197566)

OFFER FOR SUBSCRIPTION

of 50,000,000 partly paid Ordinary Shares of 75p each and £50,000,000 of partly paid 8 per cent. Convertible Unsecured Loan Stock 2005

in Units comprising 100 Ordinary Shares and £100 nominal of Loan Stock at a price per Unit of £200, payable as to £100 on application

(to satisfy in part an issue price of 100p per Ordinary Share, leaving 50p nominal value per Ordinary Share subject to call, and an issue price of £100 per £100 nominal of Loan Stock, leaving £50 per cent. subject to call)

The Directors are aware of intended applications for all the Units being offered for subscription. Such applications, if received, will be accepted in respect of not less than 37,500,000 Ordinary Shares and £37,500,000 nominal of Loan Stock, constituting 75 per cent. of the Units being offered for subscription. Consequently applications from the public are likely to be accepted only in respect of 12,500,000 Ordinary Shares and £12,500,000 nominal of Loan Stock, constituting 25 per cent. of the Units being offered for subscription.

Underwritten by

HongkongBank Limited

Brokers to the Offer

James Capel & Co.

The Company has been formed to invest directly in mortgage loans secured on residential property in the United Kingdom. Initially the Company's portfolio will be established by taking over certain mortgage lending activities of local authorities and financial institutions.

As its secured asset base grows, the Company intends to borrow significant funds in order to develop its portfolio of mortgage loans and to take advantage of the interest rate differential between borrowing and lending. The Company intends to offer shareholders a steadily growing dividend income while retaining and reinvesting a substantial proportion of its annual profits.

Full particulars of this Offer for Subscription, together with an application form contained in the Prospectus (on the terms of which alone applications will be considered) are obtainable from the registered office of the Company, Hill House, 1 Little New Street, London EC4A 3TR, and from:

HongkongBank Limited
Wardley House,
7 Devonshire Square,
London EC2M 4HN

James Capel & Co.
Winchester House,
100 Old Broad Street,
London EC2N 1BQ

Midland Bank plc
Stock Exchange Services Department,
Mariner House, Peeps Street,
London EC3N 4DA

and from the following branches of Midland Bank plc, Clydesdale Bank PLC and Northern Bank Limited:-

London	— Poultry and Princes Street, EC2	Bristol	— 49 Corn Street	Leeds	— 33 Park Row
	— 5 Threadneedle Street, EC2	Cardiff	— 56 Queen Street	Liverpool	— 4 Dale Street
	— 133 Regent Street, W1	Edinburgh	— 29 George Street	Manchester	— 100 King Street
Belfast	— 183 Donegal Square West	Exeter	— 38 High Street	Newcastle	— 42 Grey Street
Birmingham	— 130 New Street	Glasgow	— St. Vincent Place	Southampton	— 165 High Street
Bradford	— 34 Kirkgate	Jersey	— 8 Library Place, St. Helier		



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Group Interim Results

(abridged and unaudited) for the six months to 30 June 1985

Progress in 1985

- Major expansion in Europe following French acquisition in mid 1984 and further acquisitions in Holland and Germany in July this year.
- Prospects increasingly encouraging especially with higher proportion of profits arising in UK and Europe.

Year	1984	1985	First Half	1984
1984	138,361	11,851	80,857	61,157
Turnover		4,430	5,248	5,230
Profit on ordinary activities before taxation		1,513	1,532	256
		5,908	1,590	2,777
Earnings per share		24.3p	10.2p	10.3p
Dividend per share		6.2p	3.3p	3.0p

NOTE—1985 figures exclude results relating to Group's Zambian interests of £2,074,000 turnover and £269,000 net profit before taxation.

Copies of the Interim Report can be obtained from the Company Secretary
BRITISH VITA PLC, MIDDLETON, MANCHESTER M24 2DS

INTERNATIONAL LEADERS IN FOAM, FIBRE, FABRIC AND POLYMERIC PRODUCTS

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	11.5%
Adam & Company	11.5%
Banco	11.5%
BCCI	11.5%
Chase Bank	11.5%
Consolidated Credit	11.5%
Continental Trust	11.5%
Co-operative Bank	11.5%
C. Hoare & Co	11.5%
Lloyds Bank	11.5%
Midland Bank	11.5%
Nat Westminister	11.5%
TSB	11.5%
Williams & Glyn's	11.5%
Citibank NA	11.5%

* Mortgage Base Rate.



New records achieved

- * Sales and profits increased — for the eleventh consecutive year
- * Final dividend of 7.8p proposed — up 40%
- * Sales of Sirdar brand increased, with good second half year
- * Further improvement in exports
- * Good start to current year

Summary of Results

Year ended 30th June	1985	1984
Turnover	£36,495	£33,122
Profit before tax	9,533	9,008
Ordinary Dividends	1,972	1,555
Shareholders' Funds	28,253	24,218
Dividend Cover	3.1	3.9
Return on Shareholders' Funds	33.7%	37.2%
Earnings per Share (post tax)	12.57p	12.52p

Copies of the Annual Report available from 1st October 1985, from The Secretary

Sirdar PLC

Flanshaw Lane, Alverthorpe, Wakefield WF2 9ND

DEREK CROUCH

PLC

Interim Report for the Half Year to 30th June, 1985

	1985	1984
First Six Months	First Six Months	Year
£000's (unaudited)	£000's (unaudited)	£000's (audited)
Turnover	30,727	32,522
Operating Profit	1,555	878
Net Interest Paid	243	362
Profit on Ordinary Activities before Taxation	1,312	516
Profit after all charges and Taxation	820	289
Dividends	224	203
Earnings per Share	6.58p	2.32p

Statement by the Chairman, Mr D.C.H. Crouch
"I have pleasure in reporting the results of the Derek Crouch group for the first half of 1985. These reflect a significantly improved performance over the same period of last year, and augment the up-turn in the group's profitability recorded in my Chairman's statement in March."

Our U.S.A. opencast coal mining operation has performed well despite restricted first half production as a result of the threatened U.M.W. dispute, which left many utilities overstocked. Whilst market prices remain somewhat depressed, strict control of costs and production levels, together with the recent negotiation of an extended ten-year contract to supply a major utility, should secure an encouraging future for this part of the group.

U.K. opencast mining maintained its levels of production and return. Poor weather conditions throughout the year have however disrupted some aspects of the company's activities, although the lifting of contractual tonnage restrictions in England and Wales has helped to counteract these difficulties. The Construction Company's move to private sector development is gradually gaining momentum. Although the full impact of diversification is unlikely to be felt in the immediate future, our overhead rationalisation has minimised this company's operating deficit and the prospects for an early return to profitability are good.

The group's financial position remains strong and the board anticipate that the full year results will continue to reflect the improved trend. The interim dividend has been increased by 10% to 1.793p per share in line with the increase in the final dividend paid last April. This will be paid on 31st October, 1985 to shareholders on the register at close of business on 4th October, 1985."

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Every year 3,000 graduates apply for jobs at Barclays Bank. We now need only 60 to form the main element of high-fliers, the people who will become top management. With 50 applicants for every vacancy our only headache should be how to choose the best out of a very good field. In practice it does not work like that: we find it difficult, sometimes impossible, to get 60 of the right people.

There are really two problems here, both of perception. The first is how intelligent young people perceive Barclays as an organization. The second is how they perceive themselves, and, with that, how we see them.

So what does Barclays look like from the campus? The answer is: too often like a clearing bank. Of course it is in part, but that hardly does justice to it. We are a major international organization, operating in just about every major city in the world. We have a variety of guises, from "plastic money" (Barclaycard) to international finance, from merchant banking to securities.

Our links with stockbrokers de Zoete & Bevan and jobbers Wedd Durlacher to take advantage of next year's Stock Exchange deregulation is, in City terms, mould-breaking.

Yet the clearing bank image persists. Although we are by any standards one of the world's biggest and most profitable banks, we have to work hard to persuade the very best graduates we have something to offer that is every bit as exciting and challenging as anything other well-known multinational institutions can provide.

But it is the other problem - how graduates see themselves and how they appear to us - which causes me the greater concern, and which, I suspect, will find echoes in many other large organizations.

The Oxbridge careers advisory service says Barclays has one of the best management development programmes it has seen. We will put graduates with good degrees through a four- to five-year training programme (real high-fliers can do it in three) which will ensure they get a management post.

It is, of course, gratifying to be told your scheme is one of the best.

Britain today needs schools that will take preparation for the business world much more seriously, says Robert Sale



It is less gratifying to have to say in response to such compliments that, if the education system did its job better, Barclays would have a far easier job and would be able to turn management potential into reality more quickly and cheaply.

Almost the first thing we do with the 60 graduates we select every year is send them to Brathay Hall, Cumbria, for a week's "action-oriented leadership" course. It can be, and frequently is, a salutary experience. It is often their first

opportunity to take charge of other people and get them to perform a task.

Quite often their first lesson is that they cannot organize others in quite the way they assumed. It is a quick and effective way of bringing their shortcomings home to them.

But why should such vital, but basic, training be necessary at the outset, and why must it be followed by such a comprehensive training scheme? This country is lagging behind many others in the way it

educates its brightest people for the business world. It seems to be assumed that people with a good honours degree will magically get management skills when they go out into the big wide world.

In countries such as France, by contrast, courses which acclimatize students to business and commerce are built into the secondary and tertiary curricula.

What we urgently need in this country is:

● Schools that take business, and preparation for it, much more seriously

● Many more teachers who have spent some time in business and commerce and are more aware of what happens when children leave school. We in Barclays are only too glad to assist

● Greater emphasis on business awareness

● An attempt to teach the basics of leadership and how to apply them.

The team captain or the prefect begins to learn leadership "on the job". Others should be taught the principles. The University of Surrey at Guildford now has its own chair in leadership studies and there is

much material on which teachers could draw.

There must also be an added dimension to tertiary education. It is an old complaint, but no less true on that account, that too many universities simply ignore the broader aspects of education in favour of the purely academic.

The ideal candidates, in my view, should spend two-thirds of their time at university on their degrees and one third doing something like Voluntary Service Overseas, the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, or work for Oxfam. They have to learn to meet the world in an unprotected way and stand on their own feet.

Some of the best Barclays graduate intake are those who come from the armed forces after short-service commissions, having in the process graduated from university. They have done a bit of square bashing, made fools of themselves and thereby learned from their mistakes, developed their personalities and acquired a degree of justifiable self-confidence. That type of person is firing on all four cylinders from the word go.

What about the future? Will things get better or worse?

As far as one can see, there will be increasing competition in the financial arena, and international organizations such as Barclays will continue to provide stimulating opportunities for the well-qualified, all-round graduate. If current trends continue, the UK might not be able to supply enough graduates who can measure up to the high standards needed.

But international companies such as Barclays cannot afford to lower their standards. So those graduates who do not measure up will find it increasingly difficult to get jobs for which they have been led to believe their purely academic achievement qualifies them. Many of them will be able to take advantage of greater opportunities only if they seize the initiative now to develop broader capabilities while still completing their academic studies. But this implies a marked change in approach by both students and academic institutions.

Robert Sale is a director and a senior general manager of Barclays Bank

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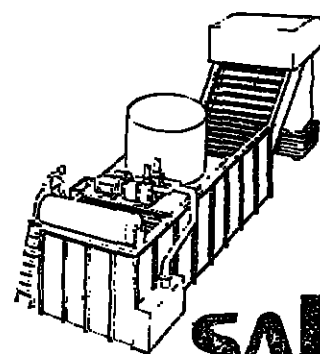
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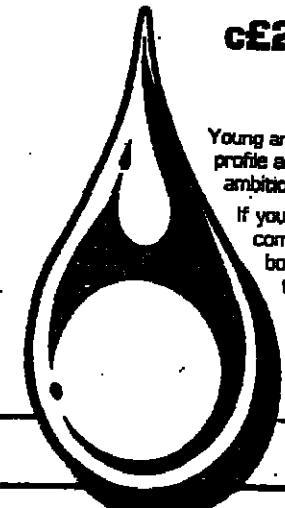
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7.30 **EastEnders**. Sharon sets her sights on the Queen Vic's barman, Loffy, while Nick and Ali pay a visit to Dr Clegg who then asks Arthur to call at the surgery (Cee-fax).

8.00 **Bodymatters**. The final programme in the series presented by Drs Graeme Garden, Alan Maynard Davis and Gillian Rice exploring the workings of the human body. Small and the nose are investigated tonight, with a little assistance from the Sunday Times wine connoisseur and Master of Wine, Janis Robinson (Cee-fax) (See Choice).

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11.40 **Weather**.

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6.15 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.17, 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; exercises at 6.20 and 17.30; sport at 6.35 and 7.34. Mr Magoo cartoon at 7.24; pop video at 7.55; Elaine Lipworth's reunions at 8.17; Jenni Barnett's postbag at 8.34; comment on liver/diabetes relationships at 8.12.

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9.25 **Thames news headlines** followed by *The Little Rascals* in Anniversary Trouble (P). 8.40 **The Russian Dance Festival**. The narrator is Orson Welles (P). 10.30 **Spirit Cherry Tree**. The story of one of a family of 12 children who is the first in his number to enjoy school.

10.55 **British Kingdom of the Seas**. A journey round the best of Britain's coastline. 11.20 **Cartoon Time**. A Mexico version of *Cherrie* (P).

11.30 **About Britain**. Olive Gunnell meets a group of artists who have drawn inspiration from the River Parrett as it flows through the Somerset Levels.

12.00 **Alfie Atkins**. Cartoon adventures of a young man and his invisible friend (P). 12.10 **Mooncat and Co**. 12.30 **The Sullivan**.

1.00 **News at One** with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 **Thames News**. 1.30 **Falcon Crest**. Romance and drama set among the California vineyard-owning set. 2.25 **Home Cookery Club**.

2.30 **Daytime**. Sarah Kennedy chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject. 3.00 **Take the High Road**. 3.25 **Thames News** headlines. 3.30 **Sons and Daughters**.

4.00 **Alfie Atkins**. A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.10 **Cartoon Time**. 4.20 **Scouty Doo**. Cartoon series. 4.45 **Children of the Dog Star**. Drama serial (Cee-fax).

5.15 **Thames Sport** presented by Brian Moore. Includes comment on this week's World Cup Football matches involving the home countries and a preview of next week's final in the series.

5.45 **News with Martyn Lewis**. 6.00 **Thames News**.

6.25 **Help! Viv Taylor** Gee with news of the work of the Association for Research into Restricted Growth.

6.35 **Emmerdale Farm**. It's Sandy's turn at Emmerdale coming to an end?

7.30 **Give Us a Clue**. A new series of the celebrity mine game chaired by Michael Parkinson.

8.00 **Up the Elephant and Round the Castle**. A new series of the comedy starring Jim Davidson.

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9.30 **Eye**. A new series begins with a report on the violence in the Handsworth district of Birmingham. Denis Tuohy chairs a live discussion between members of the local community and John Whittington reports from the area of unrest.

10.00 **News at Ten**. Includes an interview with King Hussein.

10.30 **Film: Lost and Found (1979)** starring George Segal and Michael Caine. Romantic comedy about the courtship of a widower on a sick holiday to recover from the death of his wife and a lady on the same holiday to forget her recent Mexican divorce. Directed by Melvin Frank.

12.25 **Night Thoughts**.



Paul McCartney in Buddy Holly, BBC 2, 9.30 pm

What's this? Yet another cookery series on television? Yes and no. **THE TASTE OF HEALTH** (BBC 2, 7.35pm) is indisputably for the kitchen viewer, but it does break with tradition by not subscribing to the view that life-extending food has to be as boring to the palate as it is to the eyes. Tasty, quick, cheapish, and good for us: what more could we expect from a cookery programme? For me, the most seductive recipes tonight are the rainbow trout stuffed with prunes, almonds, spinach and mushrooms; the carrot soup that will have nothing to do with chicken-stock cubes; and the grilled fillet of haddock that is ennobled by adding ginger and spring onions. I liked the fishmonger with the poetic streak who says his wares are so fresh that you could give them the kiss of life and watch them swim away.

CHOICE

● **BODYMATTERS**, the jokey, plain man's guide to our flesh, blood, muscle and bone, ends tonight (BBC 1, 8.00pm) with ever getting round to the rule that are tastefully suggested under the opening titles. Tonight the nose. The minor miracles include a blindfolded James Robinson identifying a Beaufort (the vicious equivalent of falling off a log); and two pianists playing *Over the Waves* with their noses. Information we gain from the film: the world record for expelling air during a sneeze is 103 mph, and the mysterious ingredient that makes a performed ear irresistible comes from the genital area of the African wild cat.

● Easy enough in these grimy

realistic times to hoot at the plot absurdities of **FLESH AND THE DEVIL** (Channel 4, 4.55pm). But try hard, and put yourself in a cinema seat circa 1927. You will be bowled over by Garbo's coquetry as she dons widow's weeds, and the sensuousness with which she slips the Communion wine while kneeling alongside her lover. Was the Devil ever more persuasively impersonated on screen? Carl Davis's musical score is of more recent vintage, but it is so eloquent that we quite forget at times that we are watching a silent movie.

● Music choice: the British premiere of *Symphony No 2* in tonight's Prom (Radio 3, 7.30pm); and Igor Stravinsky playing Prokofiev's second violin concerto with the City of Birmingham SO (Radio 3, 11.15am).

Peter Davalle

BBC 2

6.30 **Open University: Maths**. Modelling Cranes, 6.55. Quantum Theory: Electrons and Photons. Ends at 7.20.

8.00 **Cee-fax**.
8.25 **News summary** with subtitles. Weather.

9.30 **World Chess Championship**. Jeremy James reports on this week's progress, so far, in the matches between Karpov and Kasparov in Moscow. With expert comment from Bill Johnston.

10.00 **Star Trek**. The captain and crew of the starship Enterprise come face to face with their alien egos in a parallel universe. Kirk and his party discover an Enterprise on a planet ruled by the evil Klingons. A classic silent, enhanced by the addition of a musical score composed by Carl Davis. The story concerns a young HUSSAR who, travelling home on leave, sees a beautiful woman who captivates him. Unfortunately, the woman is married and the air ends in tragedy. Directed by Clarence Brown (See Choice).

10.30 **Cartoon Two**. Crackers, an animated version of songs made famous by Shirley Temple.

7.30 **The Taste of Health**. A new, eight-part series on healthy cooking, presented by Judith Hann (See Choice).

8.00 **Fit for a King**. Julian Pettifer explores Gordonstoun, the school on the Moray Firth that has been called the toughest school on earth, with assistance from present pupils and old boys who include Prince Andrew and Prince Edward (P).

9.00 **The New Statesman**. Windsor Davies and Anna Dawson star in a new six-part comedy series about the curator of a small-town museum who inherits a title, a seat in the House of Lords, a vast inherited fortune described as an island, and a mobile fish and chip shop.

9.30 **Buddy Holly**. An Arena Special profiling Buddy Holly - a small town, Texas town - most famous as the man who changed the face of popular music during his brief spell at the top of the pop tree before his untimely death in an aircraft in 1959. The programme includes film of Elvis Presley joking with the 19-year-old Holly; Jerry Lee Lewis and Chuck Berry performing at a 1958 concert; and a film shot by Buddy Holly himself during a 1958 tour. Plus contributions from, among others, Paul McCartney, the Everly Brothers and the Crickets.

10.35 **Jack High**. The last of the round robin matches in the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament. Tony Alcock meets Ron Jones for a place in the semi-finals.

11.05 **Newsnight**. 11.50 **Weather**.

11.55 **Open University: Weekend Update**. 12.00 **Head Start**. Children of the Dream. 12.25 **Everyday Violence**. Ends at 12.55.

CHANNEL 4

2.30 **Channel 4 Racing** from Doncaster, introduced by Brough Scott. The 'Bet With the Total' Handicap (2.35); the Portland Handicap (3.10); the Kewton Park Stakes (3.40); the Doncaster Cup (4.10).

4.25 **Class of '39**. Part two of the documentary about the members of the Vienna Boys Choir who were stranded in Australia at the outbreak of the Second World War (P).

4.55 **Film: Flash of the Devil** (1927) starring Greta Garbo and John Gilbert. A classic silent, enhanced by the addition of a musical score composed by Carl Davis. The story concerns a young HUSSAR who, travelling home on leave, sees a beautiful woman who captivates him. Unfortunately, the woman is married and the air ends in tragedy. Directed by Clarence Brown (See Choice).

7.00 **Channel Four news**. Includes an interview with King Hussein of Jordan.

7.50 **Comment**. With his views on a matter of topical importance is political writer and commentator David Dimbleby. He is joined by the former MP, Sir Woodrow Wyatt. Weather.

8.00 **The Banding File: A Licence to Kill**. The first of a series of six documentaries to be shown this autumn under the umbrella title, *The Banding File*. The first episode three of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, read by Janet Suzman.

3.00 **News: The Afternoon Play**. Mr Roche, Death and the Cheltenham Gold Cup by James Graham. 3.15 **Newsnight**. Drama. What happens after a barroom fight?

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On long waves, also VHF stereo. 5.55 **Shipping**. 6.25 **Prayer**. 6.30 **Today**. Including 6.35, 7.30, 8.30 News. 6.45 **Business News**. 6.55, 7.55 **Weather**. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 **Sport**. 7.45 **Thought for the Day**.

8.43 **The Memoirs of Miss M. Mary Dunn** (4). Reader: Margot Boyd. 8.57 **Weather**. Travel.

9.00 **News**. 9.05 **St. Women**. Anne Brown talks to the novelist Barbara Candler.

9.30 **The Living World**. The Big Blo. Peter France investigates a mystery from the deep. It is the remarkable story of some Beaudin fishermen, and their tug-of-war with a giant creature (P).

10.00 **News**. The Family. How families influence their members and turn them into the people they eventually become (11P).

10.30 **Morning Story**. Hotels by Peter Whitebrook. Reader: Colin Gough.

10.45 **Act of Worship**. 11.00 **News**. Travel: Around the Coast of Cornwall. Tom Salmon introduces his exploration (P).

11.45 **The Labours of Hercules**, with Vincent Kane. Today: the Symposium.

12.00 **News**. The World. Consumer affairs, with Paddy Caldwell.

12.27 **My Music**. Steve Race chairs the panel game (P). 12.55 **Weather**. 1.00 **The World**. 1.05 **Shipping**.

2.00 **News**. Women's Hour. Interview with Debbie Turner, editor of the book *Women's Hour*. Part 1: episode three of Jane Austen's *Persuasion*, read by Janet Suzman.

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Radio 3

6.55 **Weather**. 7.00 **News**. 7.05 **Morning Concert**: Vivaldi's *Oboe Concerto*. 7.10 **News**. 7.15 **Stravinsky's Serenade in E flat Op 7** (Netherlands Wind Ensemble). 7.20 **Mozart's Concerto in A major K 415** (Brendel/Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields). 7.30 **Ballad of an Amor brujo** (Montreal SO). 7.40 **News**.

8.05 **Morning Concert** (contd). Handel's *Overture* (Ruy Blas (LSO)). Ravel's *Le Tombeau de Couperin* (National PO). Rossini's *Wind Quartet* No 6 (Gloria/Glaser/Carfield/Baron). Stravinsky's *Karelia Suite* (Helsinki Radio SO). 8.10 **News**.

9.05 **This Week's Composer**: Pfitzner. *Symphony in C major*, op 46; *Symphony in G minor*, op 55; and songs *Der versapene Wanderer*; and *Das Alter* (Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone).

10.00 **George Enescu: Netherlands Radio Philharmonic Orchestra play the Symphony No 1**. Weber and Beethoven: Stephen Preston (piano), Jennifer Ward Clarke (cello), and Richard Burnett (piano). Beethoven's *Cello Sonata in G minor Op 5 No 2*. Weber's *Piano Sonata in C Op 10 No 1*.

11.15 **City of Birmingham SO** (under Jansons). Part 1. Tchaikovsky's *Overture-fantasia Romeo and Juliet*; Prokofiev's *Violin Concerto No 2* (Viggo Iorgensen). 11.20 **News**.

12.05 **St. Martin's**: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC (P).

12.25 **Concert** (contd): Shostakovich's *Symphony No 6* (LSO). 12.30 **News**. 1.05 **Concert** (contd): Shostakovich's *Symphony No 6* (LSO). 1.10 **News**.

1.45 **Emmeline**: two-part *Serenade* by J.C. Bach, sung in Italian. BBC Scottish SO. 1.50 **News**. 2.00 **Philharmonia Singers** (under Richard Hickox). With Jennifer Smith, Marylynne Williams, and Alison Harghan. Part 1: 2.00 begins at 3.05.

4.00 **Michel Beroff**: the pianist plays *Les Moutons*. 11.00 **News**. 11.05 **News**. 11.10 **News**. 11.15 **News**. 11.20 **News**. 11.25 **News**. 11.30 <

